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Dabate's fate goes to jury in murder trial

Closing arguments made in Rockville Superior Court

By Taylor Hartz

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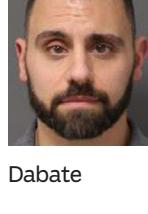
After five weeks of testimony, and more than six years since the alleged crimes, a jury is deliberating in the "Fitbit murder" trial to determine the fate of Richard Dabate.

The jury began their deliber-

ations about 2:30 p.m. Monday in Rockville Superior Court after each side made their impassioned closing arguments.

The defense claimed a botched investigation and several sources of reasonable doubt, from unreliable 2015 technology to a house cleaner's claims that she may have seen a large, green figure rush by a window while she was dusting.

The state painted Dabate as a man feeling the weight of his lover's



Dabate

impending unplanned pregnancy and a crumbling image of suburban bliss. Prosecutors allege that he hatched a plan to kill his wife and stage a home invasion, crafting a story of a masked intruder to pin the crime on.

Connie Dabate, Richard Dabate's wife and the mother of his two young sons, was found shot to death in their Ellington home just two days before Christmas in 2015. Over the past five weeks,

jurors heard from more than 130 witnesses and considered over 600 pieces of evidence as the state built its case against him.

Dabate is charged with murder, lying to police and tampering with evidence.

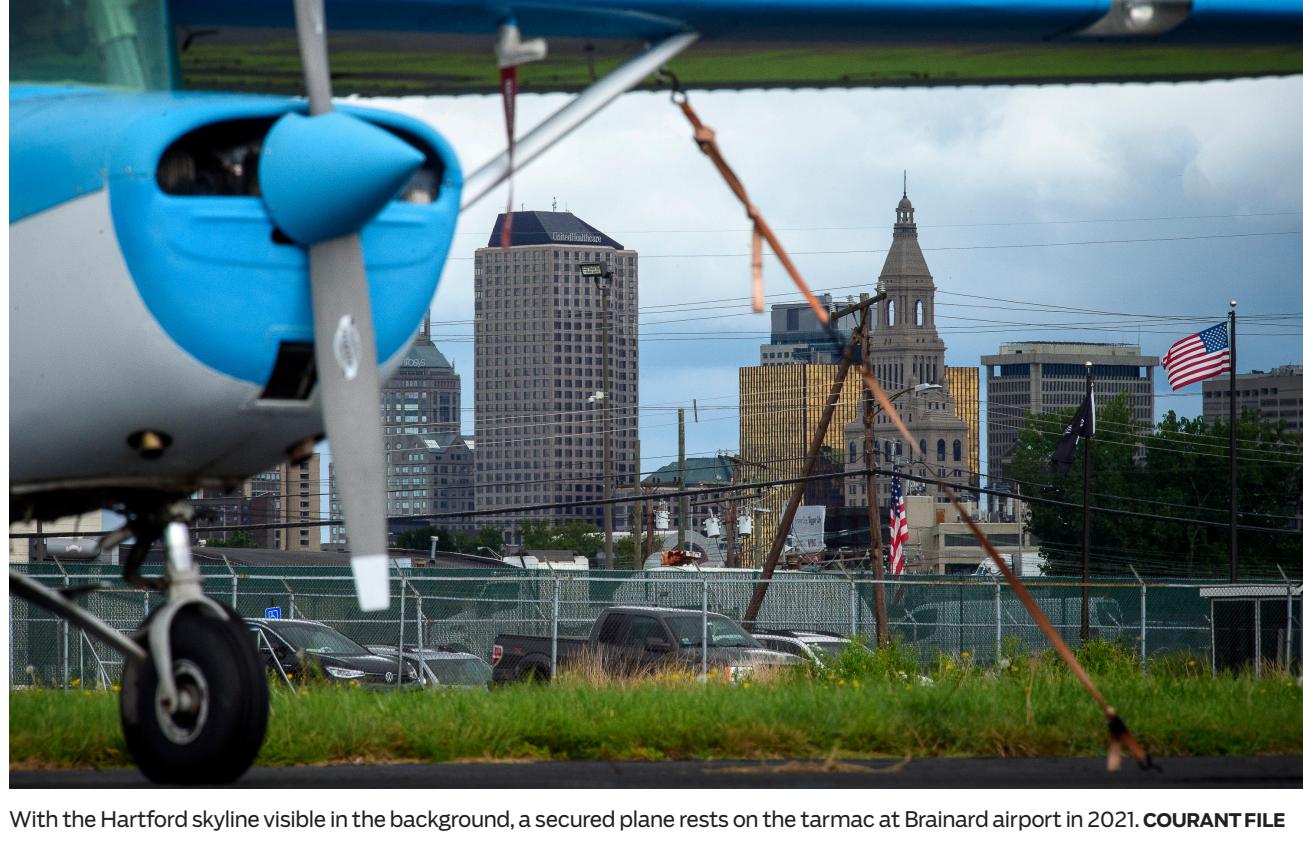
During a nearly hour-long closing argument, and then a rebuttal, State's Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky told the jury that Dabate's seemingly perfect life — large homes, vacations and his family-man image paired with a doting wife — wasn't his reality.

"It was all an illusion, it was a lie," the prosecutor told the 12 jurors and three alternates.

With his lover Sara Ganzer just two months away from giving birth to their daughter — a secret neither he nor his wife's family knew about — Gedansky said Dabate's carefully curated life was "coming to an end in a crash, a loud crash. And he couldn't stop it."

Gedansky said he was scared of being exiled by his community, of

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With the Hartford skyline visible in the background, a secured plane rests on the tarmac at Brainard airport in 2021. COURANT FILE

Controversial study will cost \$1.5 million

Could shape future of century-old Hartford-Brainard Airport

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A controversial, \$1.5 million study examining whether Hartford-Brainard Airport should remain open or be closed for redevelopment has been approved by the General Assembly, a study some hope will finally shape the future of the century-old airfield.

The study must be completed by October 2023, pushed back from the initially proposed Jan. 1. The study will examine environmental, regulatory and economic aspects on both sides of the debate and wouldn't be ready until the 2024 legislative session.

"We extended it because we became convinced that by the time you got going on this and got the analysis going, we weren't going to be ready for the next session," state Sen. John W. Fonfara, D-Hartford, said. "We thought we had better take our time and do it right."

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D-Hartford

of the airfield was taken for redevelopment in the city's South Meadows.

The discussion heated up again last year when the Hartford City Council passed a non-binding resolution supporting redevelopment.

The debate has pitted those who support redevelopment, including Fonfara and Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, against those who say the airport should be further invested in as an economic development amenity.

Advocates for keeping the airport open, including the newly-formed Hartford Brainard Airport Association, whose members are local pilots, Brainard tenants and others, have pushed back against the airport being cast as a "playground for rich folks" with single- and twin-engine planes.

They also say Brainard is vital for its pilot training schools and entry into the field of aviation. Fonfara has said there are more than a dozen other airport options within 20 miles of Brainard that could provide a similar function.

Fonfara said the study will be led by the state Department of Economic and Community Development, which will oversee hiring consultants.

In 2016 a legislative report recommended keeping the airport open and

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People hold photos of relatives who fought in World War II during the Immortal Regiment march as part of the Victory Day parade marking the defeat of Nazi Germany on Monday in Moscow's Red Square. NATALIA KOLESNIKOVA/GETTY-AFP

WAR IN UKRAINE

No new success to tout on Russia's Victory Day

Putin steers away from specifics about conflict in Ukraine

By Elena Becatoros and Jon Gambrell
Associated Press

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin marked his country's biggest patriotic holiday Monday without a major new battlefield success in Ukraine to boast of, as the war

ground on through its 11th week with the Kremlin's forces making little or no progress in their offensive.

The Russian leader oversaw a Victory Day parade on Moscow's Red Square, watching as troops marched in formation and military hardware rolled past in a celebration of the Soviet Union's role in the 1945 defeat of Nazi Germany.

While Western analysts in recent weeks had widely expected Putin

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Avery sworn in as Connecticut's 1st Black female U.S. Attorney

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Vanessa Avery was sworn in Monday as the U.S. attorney for Connecticut, becoming the first Black woman to serve as the state's top federal prosecutor.

Avery, who worked previously in the office of the state attorney general, was nominated for the post by President Joe Biden and confirmed by the U.S. Senate last month.

She was sworn in by Judge Stefan Underhill in New Haven.

At the attorney general's office Avery led investigations on issues including opioids, cybersecurity and civil rights as chief of the Division of Enforcement and Public Protection.

Avery grew up in New Haven and graduated from Yale University.

Avery replaces U.S. Attorney John Durham, who left office in February 2021 following Biden's election.

Leonard Boyle had been filling in as acting U.S. attorney.

Avery is the 54th U.S. Attorney for the district of Connecticut.



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becoming a "black sheep" in the family.

"Time is moving on. The pressure is mounting. The baby is coming. And the defendant's worst fears are going to be realized," said Gedansky.

His solution, the state says, was to bring his marriage to an end with two bullets fired by an intruder the state says never existed.

Dabate's defense attorney, Trent LaLima, argued that killing his wife would have only hastened the ostracism prosecutors say he was afraid to face.

Dabate has stuck fervently to his story that he came home that morning after realizing on his way to work that he'd left his laptop at home. When he got home, he told the jury that he heard a noise upstairs. He assumed it was their cats but went to investigate, anyway.

When he went upstairs, he says he was met by a masked man much larger than him who was wearing a hunting-style suit and had a voice like Vin Diesel. The man robbed him, then chased his wife into the basement where he shot her before zip tying him to a metal folding chair, stabbing him in the legs, setting a pile of papers on fire and fleeing on foot.

His defense repeatedly reminded the jury on Monday that though some of Dabate's statements and timelines have changed over the years — discrepancies LaLima attributed to trauma and time — his account of the intruder has never waivered.

LaLima told the jury that the state failed to prove his client's innocence beyond a reasonable doubt and asked them to consider six sources of reasonable doubt: his consistency in his claims of an intruder; his seemingly normal behavior the morning of the murder, like looking up a no-spoiler review for the new Star Wars film; six locations where unknown DNA was found in the home; a lack of witness testimony that

Dabate walked to the edge of his own backyard that morning to plant his wallet; and testimony from a house cleaner who said they may have seen a large, dark green figure move past the window.

Gedansky, on the other hand, walked the jury through the timeline of Dabate's argument compared to forensic evidence from the day of the crimes, including cellphone GPS points that put Dabate in the house all morning and Fitbit data that showed Connie Dabate moving around, leisurely, after the time her husband said she was killed.

He asked the jury to consider how no one in the neighborhood saw the large camouflage wearing intruder as he fled. The state called dozens of neighbors who testified they did not.

He questioned why nothing was stolen from the house during the home invasion other than Dabate's wallet, which was in the yard. Nothing was taken. He continued to poke holes in Dabate's differing statements over the years and mismatching timelines.

LaLima countered by urging the jury to consider whether they would remember small details of a traumatic day, like the one his client says he experienced. To prove his point, he asked jurors to consider whether they remembered what certain witnesses wore when they took the stand in the trial.

He quoted the adage "less is more" saying that in this case, in his opinion, "more is less."

LaLima said he thinks the state's questioning of dozens of neighbors worked against the prosecution. During cross examinations, none of the neighbors said they saw Richard Dabate planting his phone in his yard that morning on their way to work or drop their children to the bus stop.

In his closing argument, LaLima said the investigation of the case was mishandled. That key locations of interest weren't investigated and that not enough DNA evidence was collected. He said that he thinks police picked Dabate as their suspect and then molded their investigation around making

him look guilty.

The prosecutor said the investigation was as thorough as could be.

"Every stone was unturned. Every 'T' was crossed. Every 'I' was dotted," he said.

"Police made up their mind. They already know what they need to prove, they're working backwards from there."

Dabate's lawyer also laid out a six-minute timeline after the moment Dabate allegedly triggered the panic alarm, asking the jury whether it would have been possible for Dabate to, in that brief time, stage such an elaborate crime scene.

Gedansky said that Dabate had been plotting the events of that day for months, including his purchase of a second gun, the gun that killed Connie, that the state says she didn't know about. The plot, he said, stemmed from his inability to decide between his mistress and his marriage.

Dabate testified that he told his wife about his affair, about the baby. But Gedansky said that investigators who combed through messages between the couple, and messages between Connie and her family and friends, found know evidence of that.

They did, however, find evidence of her plans to leave him. A list in her phone's notes apps and an email sent to herself that listed some causes for divorce. Infidelity was not among them.

Gedansky said that instead, Connie Dabate was "getting fed up" with her husband and was running out of patience with his lies and what he called a "lack of love and support."

LaLima also brought into question the accuracy of technology the state relied on to build at least parts of their case, saying that Fitbits and cellphones are not designed with exact accuracy for court testimony in mind but rather to sell "a new Fitbit, a Fitbit 2.0, a year later at Dick's Sporting Goods." He asked the jury whether their smart phone causes them to miss a text, or if their GPS tells them they're a street away from where they actually are. Then he asked them to

consider the reliability of such devices back in 2015.

LaLima leaned one of the defense's four witnesses' testimony — an account from a house cleaner that she thought she may have seen a large green figure pass by the window, but it may have been a deer or reflection. He argued that, if like Dabate said, the intruder was wearing a mask, she wouldn't have seen a face but said that he'd "never seen a green deer."

Gedansky addressed the weight of that witnesses testimony in his rebuttal, pointing out evidence that the window the cleaner was dusting at the time had a UV filter on it that may have distorted her view.

Gedansky closed the trial by telling the jury that Dabate had given them the pieces of a puzzle that they are now asked with using their "common sense" and "life experience" to put together.

Judge Corinne L. Klatt called the jury back into the courtroom about 4:15 p.m. after the foreperson sent a note to the court asking for copies of Connie Dabate's autopsy report, DNA paperwork, the gunshot residue reports and a transcript of Dabate's statement to police at the hospital the day of the murder.

Dabate's statement and the autopsy report, said the judge, were already in evidence and would be flagged for the jury by means of a sticky note.

The foreperson said that they were going to work their way through the digital evidence to see if they could locate the testimonies of DNA and gunshot residue experts. If not, the judge said the court would help pull the testimonies they needed in the morning.

The jury was dismissed about 4:45 p.m. and will return to continue deliberating at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Outside of the courthouse, LaLima said he was glad to have gotten the opportunity to finally make his argument that morning.

Dabate is currently free on a \$1 million bond.

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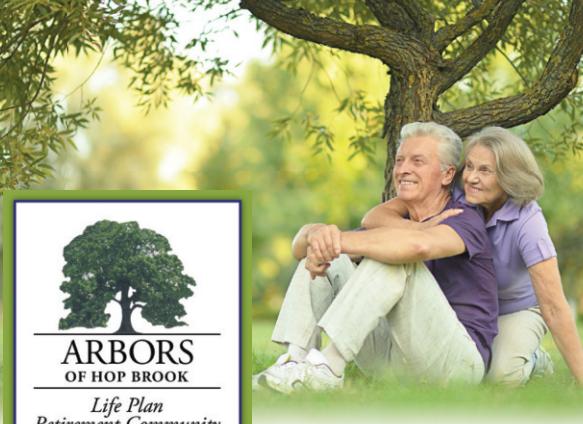
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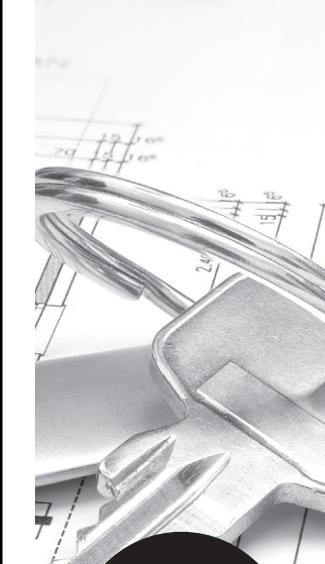
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Ukraine scientists fight brain drain

Those who stay see working amid war as act of defiance

By Christina Larson
Associated Press

Many Ukrainian scientists are continuing their research and teaching even amid Russia's war. A report published in April said Ukraine's Ministry of Education and Science estimated that 4,000 to 6,000 scholars had already left Ukraine but around 100,000 remained. Ukrainian scientists are appealing to international institutions for remote work opportunities as well as access to journals, datasets, archives and other materials.

But they also say they want to prevent the war from resulting in a long-lasting exodus of talent that will be needed to rebuild Ukraine's institutions after fighting stops. As one scientist put it, "We don't want the war to result in a brain drain from Ukraine."

Anton Vlaschenko often hears shelling outside his office in Ukraine's second-largest city of Kharkiv, not far from the front lines of the war. He sometimes even sees smoke rising from Russian tanks hit by missiles.

But the 40-year-old zoologist continues his work, dissecting and labeling bat tissue, as he probes the disease ecology of the flying mammals. When news of the war overwhelms him, he says, it helps to have something familiar to do with his hands. He also sees it as an act of defiance.

"Our staying in Ukraine, our continuing to work — it's some kind of resistance of Russian invasion," Vlaschenko said via Zoom, a barrage of shelling audible in the



Zoologist Anton Vlaschenko, right, and a volunteer transport bats in March at the Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Center in Kharkiv. ALONA SHULENKO/AP

background. "The people together in Ukraine are ready to fight, not only with guns. We don't want to lose our country."

His resolve isn't unique. Like other Ukrainians whose labors aren't essential to the war effort, the scientists and academics want to continue their important work where they can.

A common refrain is that they want to stay connected to their scholarly community, which provides a shard of normalcy amid the chaos and violence, and "keep the light of Ukrainian science and humanities alive," said Yevhenia Polishchuk, who teaches at Kyiv National Economic University.

As vice chair of the Young Scientists Council at Ukraine's Ministry

of Education and Science, Polishchuk organized an online survey of academics to assess their situation and needs after the Feb. 24 invasion. An estimated 4,000 to 6,000 scholars had left Ukraine by early April — mostly women with families — but about 100,000 stayed.

Most who went abroad wound up in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe, getting temporary positions at European institutions. Some scientists have received grants from the Polish Academy of Sciences, U.S. National Academy of Sciences and other organizations. Polishchuk, now in Krakow with her children and husband, is a visiting professor at a university for May and June but says she hopes to return to Kyiv when fighting stops.

While Ukrainian scholars are appealing to international scientific bodies for assistance, there is also a will to prevent the war from permanently sapping talent and momentum from the country's academic and professional ranks.

"Most of our scholars do not want to move abroad permanently; they want to stay in Ukraine," Polishchuk said.

Shortly after the war began, Ivan Slyusarev, a 34-year-old astronomer, helped the director of Kharkiv National University's observatory move computers, monitors and other materials into the basement, which had sheltered equipment and historical artifacts when Nazi forces occupied the city during World War II.

The observatory's main telescope

is located in a field in Russia-occupied territory, about 43 miles from Kharkiv on the road to Donetsk. Slyusarev is relying on scientists outside Ukraine to continue his work. Czech astronomers have sent him observational data from their telescope so he can keep analyzing the properties of metallic asteroids. He also can see data from a small robotic telescope in Spain's Canary Islands. He operates mostly from a home office on the outskirts of Kharkiv.

Slyusarev, who says he became an astronomer because of "romantic" ideas about the stars, finds refuge in scientific discovery. Astronomy "produces only positive news" and is a welcome respite from daily life, he said.

"It's very important in wartime," he added.

Some scholars, like Ivan Patriyak, dean of the history department at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, have enlisted. Eighteen months ago, he was hosting a speaker series on the legacy of World War II and lecturing about the Holocaust. Now, he's with a territorial defense unit in Kyiv.

Vlaschenko, the Kharkiv zoologist, wanted to protect 20 bats in his care from the shelling, so he carried them to his home, a walk of about an hour. It also helped to preserve his research, which couldn't be easily replaced, even if buildings and labs can be rebuilt after the war.

"All the people who decided to stay in Kharkiv agreed to play this dangerous and potentially deadly lottery," he said, "because you never know in what areas a new rocket or new shell would hit."

As he scrambles to record data and safeguard his rare samples, he sees it as part of his mission — "not only for us, but also for science in general."

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Diamantis, who was the head of the state's construction grants program, provided both municipalities assurances that the state would cover higher percentages of the costs of the construction of administrative offices in both projects, according to reporting by the CT Mirror.

After Diamantis, a former Bristol state representative, resigned from his position in October 2021, the state's Office of School Construction Grants and Review examined the reimbursement rates on numerous projects calculated by Diamantis and flagged the administrative offices of Bulkeley High's renovation (Diamantis said the state would pay for 95% of the \$29.5 million for Bulkeley's administrative offices) and the new Farmington high school.

Letters were sent by the state to both municipalities stating the higher reimbursement rate would be reduced by \$16 million for Hartford and \$915,000 for Farmington.

An uproar from officials in those municipalities followed and state lawmakers set about to cover the shortfalls through legislation: Hartford will receive the additional \$16 million promised by Diamantis, while Farmington saw its entire reimbursement rate increased from 19% to 30%, meaning an additional \$14.4 million will go to the town for the project. That means the state will kick in about \$40 million, instead of \$26 million, to the \$135.6 million project. The town, therefore, will have to take out bonds of \$96 million, instead of \$110 million, for the new school, Town Council Chairman C.J. Thomas said.

Lawmakers said they were pleased with the outcome, stating that promises made by the state to the municipalities are promises that needed to be kept.

"When you make a commitment to a community that has already established locally what their priorities were and how much money they're expected to put up for a project ... that's what they expected to get," state Sen. Douglas McCrory said. "Unfortunately a problem happened on a state level and that's not those communities' responsibilities to fix that. That's the state's responsibility."

Members of Farmington's state delegation were equally thrilled with the outcome from the legislative session, even if there were some tense moments.

"The whole Farmington delegation was speaking in one voice; that really helped," state Sen. Derek Slap, D-West Hartford, said of him, state Sen. Rick Lopes, D-New Britain, and state Reps. Mike Demicco, D-Farmington, and Tammy Exum, D-West Hartford. "I'm very gratified we were able to get this done for families, the taxpayers of Farmington. We went into this session, this was one of our top priorities for the Farmington delegation, and we had to fix a problem we didn't create. Farmington had a lot at stake. Even though we got early assurances that it was going to be all set and we could get this language increased and Farmington's reimbursement rate, we didn't just sit back and take that for granted. Things change, things fall through the cracks, and we wanted to make sure that didn't happen. We babysat this thing the whole way through."

Demicco said he was also pleased with the town being reimbursed not just the \$915,000, but an additional \$14.4 million.

"Our charge was to, at the very least, make Farmington whole," he said. "And we made Farmington whole and beyond. You do that by building relationships and you do that by knowing the right people to talk to and make effective arguments and convincing people that investing in education is always good public policy."

Thomas praised the state delegation for bringing more funds back to Farmington for the project.

"I'd say thank you to the Farmington delegation for recognizing that Farmington has had one of the lowest reimbursement rates in the state. And they were correcting what is probably a flaw with the formula. We appreciate their help on all that. And the taxpayers are benefiting from this."

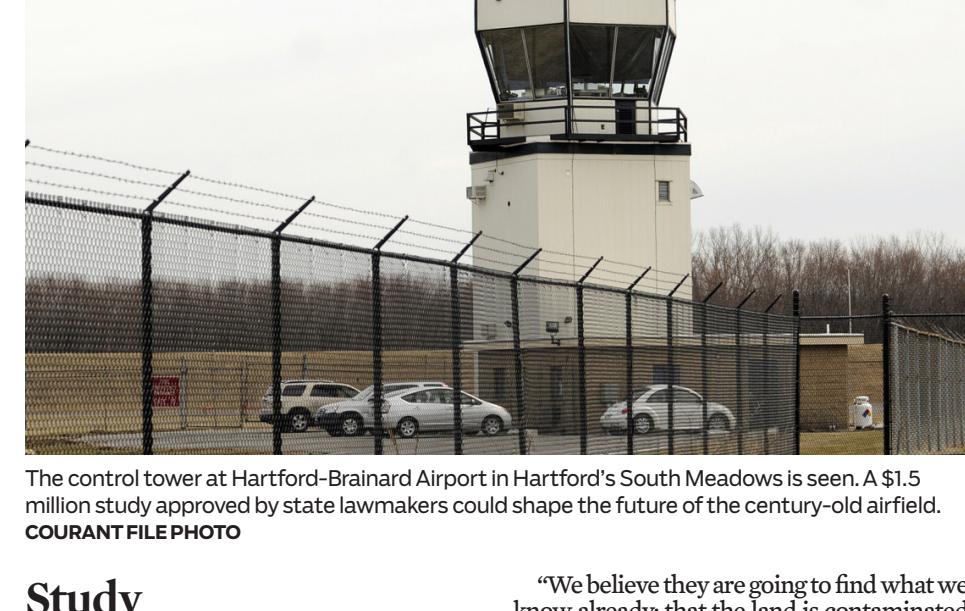
Farmington wasn't the only town to have its reimbursement rate increased by lawmakers.

The state legislature, for example, increased Ellington's reimbursement rate from 55.36% to 70% for the Windermere building project, according to a press release.

That increase will save the town just over \$9 million on the \$61 million project, the release said.

The project schedule has been moved up six months, because the town expected to receive a funding commitment in 2023, the release said.

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The control tower at Hartford-Brainard Airport in Hartford's South Meadows is seen. A \$1.5 million study approved by state lawmakers could shape the future of the century-old airfield. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Study

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investing further in its development.

Redevelopment, the report said, would be too costly, require large public subsidies and take at least two decades.

Fonfara said he expects this study will provide a more in-depth, objective analysis.

"A lot of emphasis in the study will be on what is the true value of the airport," Fonfara said. "Advocates want people to think there are these millions of dollars spun off in economic activity."

"And then you have others saying there is very little. I happen to be one of those."

A mixed-use redevelopment would benefit both the city and the region, drawing visitors and making the greater Hartford area more attractive to a young, sought-after workforce, Fonfara said.

Redevelopment would open up more access to the Connecticut River and complement plans for the waterfront in East Hartford, Fonfara said.

Michael Teiger, the association's executive director, said the group supported the 2016 study, "which apparently wasn't good enough for everybody."

Tieger, a Hartford pulmonologist, said he doesn't expect the new study will make any new revelations.

"We believe they are going to find what we know already: that the land is contaminated and would be exorbitantly expensive to redevelop," Tieger said. "And they will just stop with the idea of redeveloping Brainard and go on as we should."

"We're happy to participate to find out just what is going on down there. But we think it's a waste of time and a waste of \$1.5 million."

Last month concerns about soil contamination under the airport surfaced, including coal tar, a byproduct of coal gasification plants that existed in virtually every American city at the turn of the last century.

The Metropolitan District Commission, the regional water and sewer authority, spearheaded the last airport redevelopment proposal in 2006.

The proposal called for nearly 7 million square feet of commercial and manufacturing space, stores, apartments, a marina, a rebuilt trash-to-energy plant, an expansion of its nearby wastewater treatment plant and a river park.

The MDC plan was headed up by William DiBella, a former Democratic state Senate majority leader who remains the MDC's chairman.

No other conceptual plans for the area exist besides the 2006 vision advanced by the MDC.

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Victory Day

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to use the holiday to trumpet some kind of victory in Ukraine or announce an escalation, he did neither. Instead, he sought to justify the war again as a necessary response to what he portrayed as a hostile Ukraine.

"The danger was rising by the day," Putin said. "Russia has given a preemptive response to aggression. It was forced, timely and the only correct decision."

He steered clear of battlefield specifics, failing to mention the potentially pivotal battle for the vital southern port of Mariupol and not even uttering the word "Ukraine."

On the ground, meanwhile, intense fighting raged in Ukraine's east, the vital Black Sea port of Odesa in the south came under repeated missile attack, and Russian forces sought to finish off the Ukrainian defenders making their last stand at a steel plant in Mariupol.

Putin has long bristled at NATO's creep eastward into former Soviet republics. Ukraine and its Western allies have denied

the country posed any threat.

As he has done all along, Putin falsely portrayed the fighting as a battle against Nazism, thereby linking the war to what many Russians consider their finest hour: the triumph over Hitler. The Soviet Union lost 27 million people in what Russia refers to as the Great Patriotic War.

After unexpectedly fierce resistance forced the Kremlin to abandon its effort to storm Kyiv over a month ago, Moscow's forces have concentrated on capturing the Donbas, Ukraine's eastern industrial region.

But the fighting there has been a back-and-forth, village-by-village slog, and many analysts had suggested Putin might use his holiday speech to present the Russian people with a victory amid discontent over the country's heavy casualties and the punishing effects of Western sanctions.

Others suggested he might declare the fighting a war, not just a "special military operation," and order a nationwide mobilization, with a call-up of reserves, to replenish the depleted ranks for an extended conflict.

In the end, he gave no signal as to where the war is headed or how he might intend to salvage it. Specifically, he left unanswered the question of whether or how Russia will marshal more forces for a continuing war.

"Without concrete steps to build a new force, Russia can't fight a long war, and the clock starts ticking on the failure of their army in Ukraine," tweeted Phillips O'Brien, professor of strategic studies at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Nigel Gould Davies, former British ambassador to Belarus, said: "Russia has not won this war. It's starting to lose it."

He said that unless Russia has a major breakthrough, "the balance of advantages will shift steadily in favor of Ukraine, especially as Ukraine gets access to growing volumes of increasingly sophisticated Western military equipment."

Despite Russia's crackdown on dissent, antiwar sentiment has seeped through. Dozens of protesters were detained around the country on Victory Day, and editors at a pro-Kremlin media outlet revolted by briefly publishing a few dozen stories criticizing Putin and the invasion.

As Putin laid a wreath in Moscow, air raid sirens echoed again in the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv. But Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky declared in his own Victory Day address that his country would eventually defeat the Russians.

"Very soon there will be two Victory Days in Ukraine," he said in a video. He added: "We are fighting for freedom, for our children, and therefore we will win."

Russia has about 97 battalion tactical groups in Ukraine, largely in the east and the south, a slight increase over last week, according to a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the Pentagon's assessment. Each unit has roughly 1,000 troops, according to the Pentagon.

The official said that overall, the Russian effort in the Donbas hasn't achieved any significant progress in recent days and continues to face stiff resistance from Ukrainian forces.

The Ukrainian military warned of a high probability of missile strikes around the holiday, and some cities warned people not to gather in public places.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Biden signs Ukraine 'lend-lease' bill

Efforts to aid Kyiv are rare display of bipartisan unity

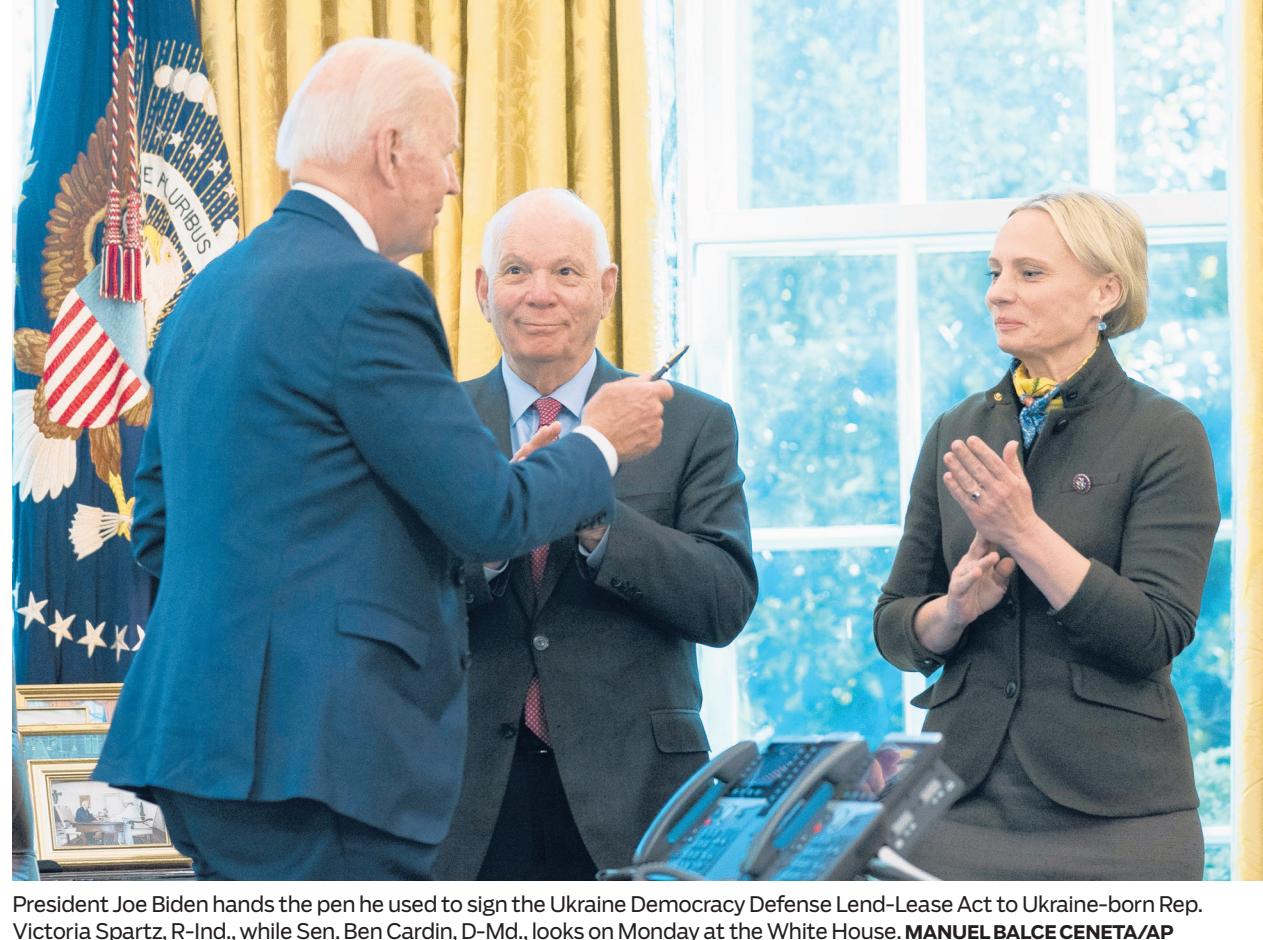
By Zeke Miller
and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington sought to portray a united front against Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Monday as President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan measure to reboot the World War II-era "lend-lease" program that helped defeat Nazi Germany to bolster Kyiv and Eastern European allies.

The new legislation is largely symbolic, but comes as Congress is poised to unleash more resources of \$33 billion or more to fight the war. It all serves as a rejoinder to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has seized on V-E day, the anniversary of Germany's unconditional surrender and Russia's biggest patriotic holiday, to rally his people behind the invasion.

Before signing the bill, Biden said that "Putin's war" was "once more bringing wanton destruction of Europe," drawing reference to the significance of the day. Flanked by two Democratic lawmakers and one Republican, Biden signed the bill, which had sailed through the Senate last month with unanimous agreement, not even the need for a formal roll call vote. It passed overwhelmingly in the House, drawing opposition from just 10 Republicans.

"It really matters," Biden said of the bipartisan support for Ukraine. "It matters."



President Joe Biden hands the pen he used to sign the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act to Ukraine-born Rep. Victoria Spartz, R-Ind., while Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., looks on Monday at the White House. MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Despite their differences over Biden's approach and perceived missteps in confronting Russia, when it comes to Ukraine the members of the House and Senate have held together in a rare bipartisan fashion. Other measures, including calls to investigate Putin for war crimes, have also gained widespread support.

"While President Putin and the Russian people celebrated Victory Day today, we're seeing Russian forces commit war crimes and atrocities in Ukraine, as they engage in a brutal war that

is causing so much suffering and needless destruction," said White House press secretary Jen Psaki. She said Putin was "perverting" history to attempt to "justify his unprovoked and unjustified war."

Biden's latest request for \$33 billion more in military and humanitarian aid will pull the U.S. deeper into the conflict, and test the resolve in Congress.

But as the package makes its way through the House and Senate, with votes possible soon, lawmakers are showing no signs of flinch-

ing. Countless lawmakers have made weekend excursions to the region to see first-hand the devastation of the war on Ukraine and surrounding countries, as more than 5 million refugees flee the region.

Rather than fight the spending overseas — as had been an increasingly popular viewpoint during the Trump era — some lawmakers in both parties want to boost the amount of U.S. aid being sent to Ukraine.

Congressional Democrats are preparing a plan that would boost the Ukraine

aid package to nearly \$40 billion, and a House vote was possible as soon as Tuesday, two people familiar with lawmakers' thinking said.

In what would be a setback for Biden's push for more COVID-19 spending, the measure would not include any of the additional billions in pandemic spending that the president has wanted included in the plan.

The measure was described Monday by people who could speak only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it

publicly.

Democrats' movement on the proposal comes with Russia's invasion of Ukraine in its 11th week and showing signs of becoming a grinding, long-term war. Heavy fighting in Ukraine's eastern and southern areas is causing widespread damage and significant losses on both sides, but the Russian offensive is showing few signs of progress.

Still, U.S. officials in and out of Congress have stressed that it will be critical to continue speeding assistance to Ukraine, whose forces are outnumbered.

While Democrats say more spending to combat COVID-19 is also crucial, their plan to seek votes on a package omitting those funds underscores their thinking that rushing assistance to Ukraine is their top priority. A push for a separate pandemic measure would come later, Democrats say.

The officials said Democrats' Ukraine measure would include \$3.4 billion more than Biden had requested for defense spending and another \$3.4 billion over what the president sought for humanitarian aid.

Biden's request, which he sent Congress on April 28, asked for \$20 billion for defense spending for Ukraine, the U.S. and their allies. It also requested \$3 billion for humanitarian assistance, including to help feed people around the world who rely on grains and other food from war-torn Ukraine. Many regions are experiencing high prices and shortages of food and cooking oil.

Washington Post takes Pulitzer for riot coverage

Ukraine journalists get special citation for reporting on war

By Deepa Hajela
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Washington Post won the Pulitzer Prize in public service journalism Monday for its coverage of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, an attack on democracy that was a shocking start to a tumultuous year that also saw the end of the United States' longest war, in Afghanistan.

The Post's extensive reporting, published in a sophisticated interactive series, found numerous problems and failures in political systems and security before, during and after the Jan. 6, 2021, riot in the newspaper's own backyard.

The Pulitzer Prizes also awarded a special citation to journalists of Ukraine, acknowledging their "courage, endurance and commitment" in covering the ongoing Russian invasion that began earlier this year. Last August, the Pulitzer board granted a special citation to Afghan journalists who risked their safety to help produce news stories and images from their own war-torn country.

The intersection of health, safety and infrastructure played a prominent role among the winning projects.

The Chicago Tribune and The Better Government Association won the local reporting award for "The Failures Before the Fires," the watchdog and newspaper's investigation into fatal fires that exposed flaws in Chicago's building code enforcement and the permanent scars left on survivors.

The Tampa Bay Times won the investigative reporting award for "Poisoned," its in-depth look into a polluting lead factory, while The Miami Herald took the breaking news award for its work covering the deadly Surfside condo tower collapse.

The Tribune and the BGA joined forces on the project in November 2019.

In March, the pandemic hit and the project was put on hold until fall 2020, and published in April 2021.

Five Getty Images photographers were awarded one of the two prizes in breaking news photography for their coverage of the Capitol riot. The other prize awarded in breaking news photography went to Los Angeles Times correspondent and photographer Marcus Yam, for work related to the fall of

Kabul. The U.S. pullout and resurrection of the Taliban's grip on Afghanistan permeated across categories, with The New York Times winning in the international reporting category for reporting challenging official accounts of civilian deaths from U.S. airstrikes in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Pulitzer Prizes, administered by Columbia University and considered the most prestigious in American journalism, recognize work in 15 journalism categories and seven arts categories. This year's awards, which were live-streamed, honored work produced in 2021. The winner of the public service award receives a gold medal, while winners of each of the other categories get \$15,000.

The prize for explanatory reporting went to Quanta Magazine, with the board highlighting the work of Natalie Wolchover, for a long-form piece about the James Webb space telescope, a \$10 billion engineering effort to gain a better understanding about the origins of the universe.

The New York Times also won in the national reporting category, for a project looking at police traffic stops that ended in fatalities, and



Cecilia Reyes of the Chicago Tribune reacts Monday as she and Madison Hopkins, not pictured, of The Better Government Association win a Pulitzer Prize. JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Salamishah Tillet, a contributing critic-at-large at the Times, won the criticism award.

A story that used graphics in comic form to tell the story of Zumrat Dawut, a Uyghur woman who said she was persecuted and detained by the Chinese government as part of systemic abuses against her community, brought the illustrated reporting and commentary prize to Fahmida Azim, Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey of Insider.

Jennifer Senior of The

Atlantic won the award for feature writing, for a piece marking the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks through a family's grief.

Melinda Henneberger of The Kansas City Star won for commentary, for columns about a retired police detective accused of sexual abuse and those who said they were assaulted calling for justice.

The editorial writing prize went to Lisa Falkenberg, Michael Lindenberger, Joe Holley and Luis Carrasco of the Houston Chronicle, for a piece that

called for voting reforms and exposed voter suppression tactics.

The prize for feature photography went to Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo, Amit Dave and Danish Siddiqui of Reuters for photos of the COVID-19 toll in India. Siddiqui, 38, who won a 2018 Pulitzer in the same category, was killed in Afghanistan in July while documenting fighting between Afghan forces and the Taliban.

Chicago Tribune contributed.

Russian envoy to Poland pelted with red paint

By Vanessa Gera
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Russia's ambassador to Poland was splattered with red paint thrown at him by protesters opposed to the war in Ukraine, preventing him from paying respects Monday at a Warsaw cemetery to Red Army soldiers who died during World War II.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova denounced the

attack, saying that "we won't be scared" while the "people of Europe should be scared to see their reflection in a mirror."

Polish Foreign Minister Zbigniew Rau described the incident as "highly deplorable."

Ambassador Sergey Andreev arrived at the Soviet soldiers' cemetery to lay flowers on Victory Day, which marks the defeat of Nazi Germany by the Allies.

The major Russian patriotic holiday was celebrated

with pomp in a parade at Red Square in Moscow.

As he arrived at the Soviet Military Cemetery in the Polish capital, Andreev was met by hundreds of activists opposed to Russia's war in Ukraine.

Red paint was thrown from behind at him before a protester standing beside him threw a big blob of it in his face.

The protesters carried Ukrainian flags and chanted "fascists" and "murderers" at him, while some were

dressed in white sheets smeared with red, symbolizing the Ukrainian victims of Russia's war. Other people in his entourage were also seen splattered with what appeared to be red paint.

Zakharova said that "admirers of the neo-Nazis have once again shown their face."

Some Russian commentators suggested that the attack on the ambassador could prompt Moscow to recall him and ask the Polish ambassador to leave Russia.



Protesters opposed to the war in Ukraine douse Ambassador Sergey Andreev with red paint Monday at the Soviet Military Cemetery in Warsaw, Poland. WOJTEK RADWANSKI/GETTY-AFP

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Russia expected many turncoats, found few

Kremlin's hopes of easy victory based on miscalculation

By Andrew E. Kramer
The New York Times

KRYVYI RIH, Ukraine — The solicitation to commit treason came to Oleksandr Vilkul on the second day of the war, in a phone call from an old colleague.

Vilkul, the scion of a powerful political family in southeastern Ukraine that was long seen as harboring pro-Russian views, took the call as Russian troops were advancing to within a few miles of his hometown, Kryvyyi Rih.

"He said, 'Oleksandr Yurivich, you are looking at the map, you see the situation is predetermined,'" Vilkul said, recalling the conversation with a fellow minister in a former, pro-Russian Ukrainian government.

"Sign an agreement of friendship, cooperation and defense with Russia, and they will have good relations with you," the former colleague said. "You will be a big person in the new Ukraine."

The offer failed spectacularly. Once war had begun, Vilkul said, the gray area seeped out of Ukrainian politics for him. Missiles striking his hometown made the choice obvious: He would fight back.

"I responded with profanity," Vilkul said.

If the first months of the war in Ukraine became a debacle for the Russian army — deflating the reputations of its commanders and troops in a forced retreat from Kyiv — the Russian invasion also highlighted another glaring failure: Moscow's flawed analysis of the politics of the country it was attacking. The miscalculation led to mistakes no less costly in lives for the Russian army than the faulty tactics of tank operators who steered into bogs.



Ukrainian fighters roll through Kramatorsk on Friday in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region. LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Kremlin entered the war expecting a quick and painless victory, predicting that the government of President Volodymyr Zelensky would fracture and that leading officials in the largely Russian-speaking eastern region would gladly switch sides.

In all but a tiny number of villages, Russia failed to flip local politicians to its side. Ukrainian authorities have opened 38 cases of treason, all targeting low-level officials in individual instances of betrayal.

"Nobody wanted to be part of that thing behind the wall," said Kostyantyn Usov, a former member of Parliament from Kryvyyi Rih, referring to Russia's isolated, authoritarian system.

He said that system had dismal appeal in Ukraine and noted the absence of widespread collaboration with Russia, including among Ukrainians who speak Russian and share the

country's cultural values. "We are part of something bright," he said of Ukraine. "It is here, with us, in our group. And they have nothing to offer."

Other prominent, once Russian-leaning politicians including Ihor Terekhov, the mayor of Kharkiv, and Hennady Trukhanov, the mayor of Odesa, also remained loyal and became fierce defenders of their cities.

Along with leaders in the southeast, Ukrainian people also resisted. Street protests against occupation in Kherson continue despite lethal dangers for participants. One man stood in front of a tank. Kryvyyi Rih's miners and steelworkers have shown no signs of pivoting allegiance to Russia.

"Before the war, we had ties to Russia," said Serhiy Zhyhalov, 36, a steel mill engineer, referring to familial, linguistic and cultural bonds. But no longer, he said.

"No one has any doubts that Russia attacked us."

Ukraine's southeastern regions, an expanse of steppe and blighted industrial and mining cities, is now the focus of fighting in the war.

The region for years elected Russian-leaning politicians such as Vilkul, a favorite villain to Ukrainian nationalists for promoting Soviet-style cultural events that angered many Ukrainians.

More substantively, Vilkul ascended in politics under the former, pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovych, in whose government he served as deputy prime minister until street protesters deposed Yanukovych in 2014.

Much of the rest of Yanukovych's Cabinet fled with him to Russia. But Vilkul remained in Ukraine as a de facto political boss of Kryvyyi Rih while his aging father served as the city's mayor.

And he caught Moscow's eye. In 2018, Vilkul said, he was told through an intermediary that "the time of chaos is over" and that he should now follow orders from Moscow if he wished to remain in politics in the southeast. He said he refused.

The Russians, he said, had not even bothered to court him, they only leveled demands. He said Moscow took the same approach to other politicians in Ukraine's east.

"They didn't even try to convince us," he said.

On the eve of the war, Vilkul was most likely the Russian-leaning politician in Ukraine with the broadest popular support.

"I was alone on this level," he said.

He was also viewed by Moscow as a promising potential convert to its side when it invaded Ukraine.

That's when the call came to Vilkul's cellphone

from Vitaly Zakharchenko, a Ukrainian in exile in Russia who had served as interior minister under Vilkul in Yanukovych's government. He recommended Vilkul cooperate with the Russians.

"I told him to get lost," Vilkul said. "I didn't even consider it."

Vilkul said he had been misunderstood — by Russia's leadership and his nationalist opposition at home. A great-grandfather, he said, had fought White Russians in the civil war. The Vilkul family, he said, "has been fighting Russians on this land for a hundred years."

A second offer, this time presented publicly by another Ukrainian exile, Oleh Tsaryov, in a post on Telegram, came about a week later, when Russian troops had advanced to within 6 miles of the city. Vilkul responded with an obscene post on Facebook.

On the first days of the invasion, Vilkul ordered the region's mining companies to park heavy equipment on the runway of the city's airport, thwarting an airborne assault, and on approach roads, slowing tank columns. The tires were then punctured and engines disabled.

The city's steel industry began to turn out tank barriers and plates for armored vests. Zelensky, whose hometown is Kryvyyi Rih, appointed Vilkul military governor of the city on the third day of the war, though the two had been political opponents in peacetime.

Vilkul has taken to wearing fatigues and a camouflage bandanna. A parade of Ukrainian nationalists, including the leader of the Right Sector paramilitary, Dmytro Yarosh, and a prominent activist and military officer, Tetiana Chernovol, once sworn enemies of the Vilkul family, have shown up in his office to shake his hand.

"If we fight the Russians," he said, "were we ever really pro-Russian, in essence?"

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Nicaragua's ruling clan seeks relief

Close Russian ally in Central America feels sanctions' bite

By Maria Abi-Habib
The New York Times

Nicaragua's ruling family has largely weathered sanctions imposed by the United States in recent years as U.S. officials accused the country's government of sliding toward autocracy.

Now, it seems, the family's resolve may be breaking.

Shortly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the most prominent son of Nicaragua's autocratic president, Daniel Ortega, quietly approached Washington to restart dialogue, according to officials and diplomats familiar with the outreach, as the Biden administration levied sanctions against Moscow, one of the Central American nation's few remaining allies.

The key topic on his mind: sanctions relief for the family.

The meteoric rise of the son, Laureano Ortega, has helped the family consolidate power; he now manages Nicaragua's most important relationships, forging landmark diplomatic and energy agreements with high-level Chinese and Russian diplomats.

A senior State Department official was dispatched to Nicaragua's capital, Managua, to meet with Laureano Ortega in March, but the meeting never took place after the Ortegas seemingly got cold feet. Laureano Ortega, 40, is seen by some analysts as a favorite to succeed his father, 76, a former revolutionary leader said to be in poor health.

Despite Daniel Ortega's frequent denunciations of Washington, Nicaragua's economy relies heavily on the United States, the country's largest trading partner by far. Russia, Venezuela and Cuba, Ortega's stalwart allies, do not make the list of Nicaragua's top five trading



A mural depicting President Daniel Ortega in Esteli, Nicaragua, bears a slogan quoting the 19th century Nicaraguan poet Rubén Darío that translates as "Here we are illuminated by a sun that does not set." INTI OCON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

partners.

But sanctions intended to thwart Ortega's dictatorial tendencies have hit the family and its inner circle hard; top generals and several of the president's children, including Laureano Ortega, have been sanctioned by Washington, their businesses blacklisted and accused of laundering money for the regime.

The high-level nature of the overture was taken as a signal by Washington that Latin America's autocracies may be rethinking their alliance to Russian President Vladimir Putin as his country's military is bogged down in Ukraine and his country's economy ravaged by sanctions.

The Biden administration hopes to make inroads with Putin's Latin American partners by portraying Russia as a declining power with little to offer.

On March 5, shortly after Russia's invasion, senior U.S.

officials flew to Venezuela for talks, the highest-level negotiations between the countries in years. Those talks secured the release of two imprisoned Americans, while President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela signaled a willingness to increase his country's oil production if Russian oil exports were banned.

The United States was quick to ban Russian oil, and the European Union is on the verge of imposing its own embargo.

The ruling Nicaraguan regime finds itself in a precarious financial state.

"Russia cannot give them money now, and the Venezuelan wallet is closed," said Arturo McFields, Nicaragua's former ambassador to the Organization of American States, who resigned in March to protest Daniel Ortega's dictatorial rule.

McFields said that he was briefed on Nicaragua's outreach to Washington before he resigned and added that the Ortega family and its inner circle were reeling under U.S. sanctions.

The president's children are unable to live the comfortable lives to which they have grown accustomed, while the money needed to pay pro-government paramilitaries or expand the police force to manage growing dissent is dwindling every month, McFields and a former senior U.S. official said.

Daniel Ortega's spokesperson and vice president, his wife, Rosario Murillo, did not respond to questions about the talks, instead emailing revolutionary slogans. In the past, she has denounced the sanctions as imperial aggressions.

A senior State Department official said it was unclear whether Laureano Ortega's outreach was prompted by fears that Russia's growing isolation would affect the Ortega regime, which is

increasingly seen as a pariah state by much of Latin America, or whether it was the byproduct of internal dissent between the family and the "old guard" — the president's allies from his Sandinista days who serve in his government.

As the family increases its grip over the state, members of the old guard are increasingly at odds with the Ortega family — uncomfortable with their growing dynastic ambitions — and are also affected by Washington's sanctions, according to the U.S. official and McFields. The State Department official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter that has not been reported.

"A key takeaway from this outreach is that the U.S. sanctions on Nicaragua clearly have the family's attention," said Dan Restrepo, a former national security adviser for Latin America under President

Barack Obama. "Probably even more so as the U.S. ramps up its sanctions regime against Russia. That combination is clearly hitting pretty hard when it comes to regime insiders."

If the Ortega family is willing to discuss releasing political prisoners, Washington will engage, the State Department official added. If not, Washington is preparing to apply additional pressure on the regime with more sanctions.

Laureano Ortega is a presidential adviser managing Nicaragua's trade, investment and international relationships. Last year, he met with China's deputy foreign minister to sign an agreement withdrawing Nicaragua's recognition of Taiwan, and he forged the first nuclear cooperation agreement with Russia.

Daniel Ortega often consults his wife, Murillo, before making major political decisions, McFields and a U.S. official said, a relationship so close, the couple is often referred to in Nicaragua as "OrMu," a mashup of their names.

Ortega appointed his wife as vice president in 2017 as his children began taking larger roles in business and politics.

It is unclear whether Laureano Ortega or Murillo will eventually take over from Daniel Ortega, according to analysts and U.S. officials. Murillo is in her 70s and, if chosen, may hold the presidency for a period before handing the reins to her son.

"Laureano is not autonomous enough to move a finger without having the full agreement from both Ortega and Murillo," said Carlos Fernando Chamorro Barrios, a Nicaraguan journalist who fled last year, just months before his sister, Cristiana Chamorro, a presidential candidate, was jailed.

"Laureano is used as the messenger for his mother and father. This is as high up as possible."



The sun peeks through a wall of smoke Saturday at a rail station in Las Vegas, N.M. Nearly 1,700 firefighters are battling the biggest blaze northeast of Santa Fe. CEDAR ATTANASIO/AP

Gusty winds rekindle danger as wildfires spreading in NM

By Cedar Attanasio and Brian Melley
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — Firefighters in New Mexico's Rocky Mountain foothills prepared to excavate new firebreaks and clear brush to create more defensive lines aimed at preventing a massive wildfire from destroying more homes and tinder-dry pine forests.

The fire, the largest in the country, has burned nearly 300 structures including homes, commercial buildings and barns. The tally is likely to be higher since authorities have been unable to access some areas.

The fire jumped a highway late Sunday taking hold in rugged areas difficult for firefighters to reach and prompting a warning for more residents of rural villages to be prepared to flee quickly.

Another New Mexico wildfire in the mountains surrounding one of the federal government's key facilities for nuclear research prompted Los Alamos National Laboratory and community officials to prepare for possible

evacuations. The fire, which was within 3 miles of the lab, was growing.

"If you don't have to be at work, it's time to prepare to telework," lab director Thom Mason told employees in a video. "Conditions can change quickly, it has been very dry, very windy, and we have to be respectful of that risk and ready for what comes next."

There was no letup Monday to the gusty winds that complicated firefighting efforts over previous days. The wind has fanned the New Mexico fires for weeks with only brief interruptions and the most recent wave of consecutive days of extremely dangerous wildfire conditions are unprecedented, weather forecasters said.

Nearly 1,700 firefighters were battling the biggest blaze burning northeast of Santa Fe. It has charred more than 296 square miles, an area nearly the size of New York City.

After fighting it for nearly a month, firefighters had contained almost half of the blaze by Monday, a feat that operations section chief Todd Abel said was significant given the challenges

crews have faced.

Las Vegas, N.M., the region's largest population center with 13,000 people, was declared largely safe from being burned after firefighters mostly stopped the fire on that front. But thousands of people living in smaller, outlying communities were still under evacuation orders.

The northern and southern flanks of the wildfire have proven trickier to contain as wind gusts over the weekend topped 50 mph.

On Monday, the wind was too strong to launch aircraft to help with the firefighting effort. The aircraft are used to drop water directly on flames or lay retardant ahead of the blaze's expected direction so that bulldozers and ground crews can dig firebreaks in places where there are no roads that function as firebreaks.

The National Interagency Fire Center has said more than 20,000 New Mexico structures were threatened by the fire.

Nationwide, three new large fires were reported over the weekend — two in Arizona and one in Texas.

Son of late dictator on track to win race, lead Philippines

By Jim Gomez

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The son and namesake of ousted Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos took a commanding lead in an unofficial vote count in Monday's presidential election.

With 80% of the votes tabulated, Marcos Jr. had 25.9 million, far ahead of his closest challenger, current Vice President Leni Robredo, a champion of human rights, who had 12.3 million.

The election winner will take office June 30 for a single, six-year term as leader of a Southeast Asian nation hit hard by two years of COVID-19 outbreaks and lockdowns.

Still more challenging problems include deeper poverty and unemployment and decadeslong Muslim and communist insurgencies.

The next president is also likely to hear demands to prosecute outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte for thousands of killings during his anti-drug crackdown — deaths already under investigation by the International Criminal Court.

Duterte's daughter, southern Davao city Mayor Sara Duterte, is Marcos Jr.'s vice presidential running mate in an alliance of the scions of two authoritarian leaders. Their partnership has combined the voting power of their northern and southern political强holds, boosting their chances but compounding worries of human rights activists.

Sara Duterte also had a formidable lead with 25.8 million votes for vice president in the unofficial count from the Commission on Elections server. The president and vice president are elected separately in the Philippines.

"History may repeat itself if they win," said Myles Sanchez, a human

Candidate Ferdinand Marcos Jr. casts his ballot Monday at a school in Batac, Philippines. JAM STA ROSA/GETTY-AFP

rights worker. "There may be a repeat of martial law and the drug killings that happened under their parents."

In a late-night video statement, Marcos Jr. did not claim victory but thanked his supporters for accompanying him on "this sometimes very difficult journey" and urged them to keep up their guard until the vote count is completed.

"Let us keep watch on the vote," he said. "If we'll be fortunate, I'll expect that your help will not wane, your trust will not wane because we have a lot of things to do in the times ahead."

Marcos Jr., whose father was ousted in a 1986 army-backed "People Power" uprising, held a wide lead in pre-election surveys. His father died in 1989.

But Robredo tapped into shock and outrage over the prospect of a Marcos recapturing the seat of power and harnessed a network of campaign volunteers to underpin her candidacy.

Officials said the election was relatively peaceful despite pockets of violence in the country's volatile south. Thousands of police and military personnel were deployed to secure election

precincts.

Voters stood in long lines to cast their ballots, with the start of voting delayed by a few hours in a few areas due to malfunctioning vote machines, power outages, bad weather and other problems.

Eight others were in the presidential race, including former boxing star Manny Pacquiao, Manila Mayor Isko Moreno and former national police Chief Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

Sanchez said the violence and abuses that marked the martial-law era under Marcos, and Duterte's drug war more than three decades later, victimized loved ones from two generations of her family. Her grandmother was sexually abused and her grandfather tortured by counter-insurgency troops under Marcos in the early 1980s in their impoverished farming village in Southern Leyte province.

Under Duterte's crackdown, Sanchez's brother, a sister and a sister-in-law were wrongfully linked to illegal drugs and separately killed, she told The Associated Press. She described the killings of her siblings as "a nightmare that has caused unspeakable pain."

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Fugitive Ala. inmate caught after manhunt, ex-jail officer dead

From news services

A former Alabama jail official has died after shooting herself when she and the murder suspect she was accused of helping to escape were captured Monday in Indiana after more than a week on the run, according to officials.

The capture ended the manhunt through three states but did not resolve the mystery of why Vicky White, 56, a respected jail official, would help Casey White, 38, an inmate with a violent and frightening history.

The two fugitives were caught in Evansville, Indiana, when U.S. Marshals pursued their vehicle and then crashed into it, authorities said.

Casey White surrendered and Vicky White was taken to a hospital after shooting herself, authorities said. Vanderburgh County Coroner Steve Lockyear said White died from her injuries.

"We got a dangerous man off the street today. He is never going to see the light of day again. That is a good thing, for not just our community. That's a good thing for our country," Lauderdale County Sheriff Rick Singleton of Alabama said.

The manhunt began April 29, when Vicky White, the assistant director of corrections for the jail in Lauderdale County, allegedly helped engineer the escape of Casey White, who was awaiting trial in a capital murder case. Vicky White had told co-workers she was taking the inmate from the jail for a mental health evaluation at the courthouse, but the two, who are not related, instead fled the area.

The car they took off in was later found abandoned in Tennessee, but there was no trace of the pair until

U.S. Marshals received a tip Sunday that surveillance photos from an Evansville car wash showed a man who closely resembled Casey White exiting a 2006 Ford F-150 pickup truck, the Marshals Service said.

On Monday, officials learned the pair was spotted near the sheriff's office, Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding said in Indiana. As officers arrived, the pair fled in a vehicle and led police on a pursuit, he said. U.S. Marshals collided with them "to try to end the pursuit," he said.

Casey White was serving a 75-year prison sentence for attempted murder and other charges at the time of his escape.

Anti-abortion office: Police asked for the public's help Monday in tracking down those who vandalized and threw two Molotov cocktails into the office of a Wisconsin anti-abortion lobbying group's office that was damaged by fire.

No one has been arrested and there are no suspects in custody in the fire that was discovered early Sunday when someone driving to Madison's nearby airport noticed flames coming from the office building, said Madison police Chief Shon Barnes.

The fire at the Wisconsin Family Action office came after two Catholic churches in Colorado, including one known for its annual anti-abortion display, were vandalized last week.

The leak last week of a draft opinion suggesting that the U.S. Supreme Court was on course to overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide sparked protests across the country, including in Madison.

Lake Mead remains: A week



Havana hotel site: More bodies were pulled from the ruins of the Hotel Saratoga in Cuba's capital Monday, bringing the death toll from an explosion to 35. Above, a member of the Cuban Red Cross takes a break after working in the rubble. The 96-room hotel was preparing to reopen after being closed for two years when an apparent gas leak ignited Friday. RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

after a decades-old body was found in receding Lake Mead, authorities in Las Vegas are trying to identify a second set of newly discovered human remains.

Two sisters from the Las Vegas suburb of Henderson, Nev., were paddle boarding on the drought-stricken Colorado River reservoir when they spotted bones Saturday in the Callville Bay area of the lake.

The National Park Service confirmed that the bones found were human.

Investigators are not treating the case as a homicide, Las Vegas police said. The remains are with the Clark County Coroner's Office.

The discovery came after a body in a barrel was found May 1 along newly exposed shoreline of the lake formed by Hoover Dam between Nevada and Arizona.

In that case, police said the body was a man who had been shot, probably between the mid-1970s and the early 1980s because he was wear-

ing shoes manufactured during that period.

Majesty's absence: Queen Elizabeth II will not attend the opening of Parliament on Tuesday for the first time in nearly 60 years, as she struggles with difficulties in getting around.

Buckingham Palace said in a statement Monday that the decision was made in consultation with her doctors and that the 96-year-old had "reluctantly" decided not to attend. Prince Charles will read her speech, while for the first time her grandson Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, will have an official role in the event.

It will mark only the third time during her reign that Elizabeth has not opened Parliament. She previously missed the opening in 1959, when she was pregnant with Prince Andrew, and 1963, when she was pregnant with Prince Edward.

The state opening of Parliament is a centuries-old

ceremony that marks the start of the legislative year.

Times Square trial: The man behind the wheel of the car that barreled through crowds of pedestrians in New York City's Times Square, killing a woman and injuring 22 other people, went on trial Monday after various delays over five years, including pandemic-induced court shutdowns.

In an opening statement, prosecutor Alfred Peter-Peterson told a Manhattan jury that Richard Rojas was well aware of the carnage he was causing by plowing through helpless tourists in 2017 visiting the popular destination known as "the crossroads of the world."

Defense attorney Enrico DeMarco said in his opening that Rojas has a history of mental illness that made him unable to understand the consequences of his actions that day.

Rojas' trial is expected to take several months.

Rojas pleaded not guilty

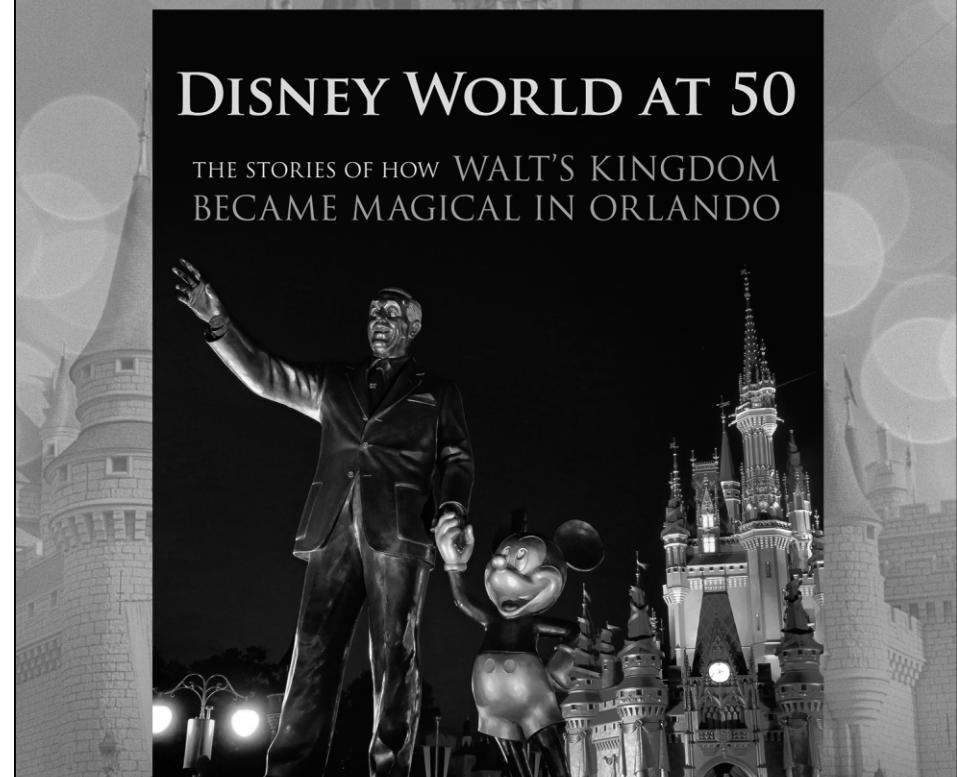
to murder, assault and other charges in 2017.

Celebrity chef's trial: Mario Batali's sexual misconduct trial opened Monday in a Boston court with his accuser recounting how she'd been "shocked, surprised and alarmed" as the celebrity chef aggressively kissed and groped her while taking selfies at a restaurant in 2017.

The 32-year-old Boston-area software company worker said she felt confused and powerless to do anything to stop Batali as he grabbed her "in a way that I have never been touched before."

Monday's trial opened after Batali — in a surprise move — waived his right to a jury trial and opted instead to have a judge decide his fate.

Batali, who pleaded not guilty to indecent assault and battery in 2019, could face up to 2 1/2 years in jail and be required to register as a sex offender if convicted.



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Don't ignore the rights of children

By Richard P. Hiskes

The words "parent" and "child" never appear in any of the U.S. founding documents: not in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution or, especially, the Bill of Rights. Because they do not former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia disagreed with his conservative colleagues when they created "parents' rights."

In the 2000 case *Troxel v. Granville*, a conservative plurality established a Fourteenth Amendment "liberty interest" belonging to parents in making decisions to protect their children's human rights to such things as food, education and health care. In his dissenting opinion Scalia admonished that if conservatives wanted to establish parental rights, they would need a constitutional amendment that did so.

Since *Troxel*, that amendment has been proposed in virtually every Congress but has never made it to a floor vote. That has not stopped Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis from surrounding himself with children

and parents in signing ceremonies giving those mythical rights to the parents of Florida.

In his legislative and executive efforts to ban masks, math books and Democratic majorities, DeSantis has mostly succeeded in piping away the rights of children. There can be no question that as human beings children possess, at least in the abstract, human rights to health care and education. Through his actions Gov. DeSantis has effectively taken away those rights and given them to parents.

Justice Scalia recognized the illogic of "parents' rights." How can it be true that all adults are endowed by their creator with the same human or citizenship rights, unless and until they become parents, at which point they get more rights? To maintain this is to treat children as property in a way similar to suggesting that buying a home brings additional rights to the owner.

As human beings, not property, children have their own rights — at least as humans, if not yet as citizens. Perhaps it is finally time to grant them citizenship rights as

well, if only to protect their human rights from being traded away for adult votes.

DeSantis' most recent executive actions in Florida involving textbook banning make the case for children's rights clear. Public education is America's gift to the world; it was invented here and didn't exist anywhere else, until other democracies formed and recognized that public education guaranteed their future. Thank you, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.

The holders of the right to public education are two: every child, and society as a whole. Children have the right to education to fulfill their individual and unique capabilities; democratic society has the collective right to citizens educated in the duties that democracy demands of them.

When it comes to public education rights, parents have, at most, the right to have been educated themselves.

At curricular and textbook discussions across America, in school board meetings and legislative hearings, one voice is always absent — that of the students. It is their right that is being discussed, but their

claims are not heard. The reason is simple: Like women and Black Americans before them, without voting rights children have no power to claim their rights, either to be heard or educated in the way most beneficial to them and to democratic society.

Philosopher Martha Nussbaum reminds us that all rights are in response to human vulnerability, and that children are the most vulnerable of all. Not because they are small and weak — many adults are as well — but because children have no power of their own to claim their rights in the way that democracies offer.

Without the power to vote out of office all the pied pipers with the bravado to steal away their rights, children will remain merely as property. Democracy needs them to be both human and citizens; it especially needs them to be so now, when the piper's tune proves irresistible to adults.

Richard P. Hiskes is professor emeritus at UConn and author of "Suffer the Children: A Theoretical Foundation for the Human Rights of the Child."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Israel won't be deterred in efforts for peace

It's fitting that "Israel accuses Hamas of inciting holy site violence" was printed on April 25. That was the 102nd anniversary of the San Remo Resolution among the Allied powers of World War I, with the United States present and with the assent of Ottoman Turkey. The Resolution incorporated Britain's 1917 Balfour Declaration, which recognized the Jewish homeland in historical Palestine while preserving the rights of other religions. The Balfour Declaration and San Remo Resolution have carried forward under the League of Nations and later the United Nations. Throughout the 102 years since the San Remo Conference, the Zionist movement has complied. Since achieving independence in 1948 as the modern state of Israel, it has maintained itself as a Jewish homeland, while providing full rights and religious freedom to all other groups and reaching out to surrounding Arab populations for peaceful co-existence and cooperation.

Sadly, as demonstrated in the article, Israel's efforts have not been reciprocated. The Hamas terrorist group, controlling Gaza but also active in Jerusalem, actively promotes murderous attacks on Jews and even organizes rock-throwing from the Temple Mount upon Jews praying below. While Israel must protect its citizens, it will not be deterred in its longstanding efforts at peace.

Mark I. Fishman, New Haven
The writer is president of PRIMER-Connecticut (Promoting Responsibility in Middle East Reporting)

Pattis is not worthy of our attention

After reading "Pattis defends racist routine" [Connecticut, Page 1, April 27], I wasted 10 minutes of my life I'll never get back by watching Norm Pattis' "comedy" routine. It was horribly offensive — to comedians and anyone with a brain. Just another hack looking for attention that fancies himself as the next George Carlin. That this lowlife defends of the likes of Alex Jones comes as no surprise.

Kevin Deame, Enfield

Literal meaning of freedom of speech

Since "freedom of speech" is becoming as overused and misused as "patriot" and "Christian," allow me to shed light on the subject. Freedom of speech simply means the government is forbidden to censor what you say. It does not mean that you're allowed to say whatever you want, whenever you want and that there will never be consequences.

Yes, you're allowed to use racial slurs. And people who dislike racial slurs are allowed to call you bad names and eject you from their lives. Why? Because your rights under the First Amendment oblige no one to put up with hate speech. Actions have consequences from which the Constitution will not protect you.

Dean Fiora, Mansfield

Murphy, Blumenthal don't stop border problem

In 2021 over 2 million people entered the United States illegally via our Southern border. Many were unvetted, unvaccinated, uninsured, uneducated and unemployed. Their numbers will put downward pressure on wages and take jobs from our urban and rural poor. They'll flood our hospital emergency rooms for free health care that the rest of us work hard to pay for. Open borders have flooded our towns with illegal drugs that have led to a surge in suicides and broken families. Why would our two Democrat senators, Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal, allow this to happen to the hard-working citizens of Connecticut they represent?

Daniel Devlin, Manchester



The Connecticut Yankee Council is selling Deer Lake, a large parcel of land in Killingworth used for camping, hiking and rock climbing.

Why the Boy Scouts shouldn't sell Deer Lake camp to developers

By Sigrun N. Gadwa and Hayley Kolding

The impending sale of the scenic and beloved Deer Lake Scout Reservation in Killingworth threatens to break the 4.4-mile blue-blazed Chatfield Trail and degrade valuable natural resources.

The conservation nonprofit Pathfinders placed an offer on the property on April 30, less than a day before the deadline to beat out a \$4.6 million offer by a private developer. The Connecticut Botanical Society supports preservation and requests that the CT Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America accept the Pathfinders' offer or allow conservation organizations more time to raise additional funds.

With its spectacular rock formations, forest, water features and physical challenges, the Chatfield Trail draws young and older nature lovers alike. It and the Deer Lake property have a high capacity to foster a nature-conservation mindset and geology and botany education. Valuable if underpublicized assets for tourism, they are a short drive from other attractions like the Mystic Aquarium, historic Essex and Connecticut River boat trips.

Rare or uncommon plants are often found in these rocky habitats. Species that come to mind are Appalachian polypody, horse gentians, *Peltigera cyanolichens* and a tall, robust sedge. The lovely red columbine is the larval host plant for a small, rare butterfly, the columbine duskywing. The richness of native plant life in this forest interior is a refreshing contrast to the invasive plant competitors that are usually concentrated on forest perimeters. The site offers wildlife value as well. Salaman-



A hike on the southern trail of the Chatfield Hollow State Park will lead to the "The Z Wall," one of the most popular rock climbing spots in the state. COURANT FILE PHOTOS

ders are usually common on talus slopes, bobcats and bats hibernate in the small caves and ravens nest on cliffs. Data from CT DEEP Fisheries taken from stations on the Deer Lake property in 1996 shows a diverse and pollution-sensitive community of stream bottom insects such as Baetis mayflies and hellgrammies.

The Deer Lake Reservation is at the south end of a 1,200-acre block of minimally fragmented forest within a matrix of residential land. Contiguous preserved lands owned by CT DEEP include the Cockaponsett State Forest, Chatfield Hollow, and Forster preserves. Preserving the Deer Lake tract is vital for the integrity of this large, forested area, which is very important for forest interior birds and

for native plant species. Like any type of organism, a plant species benefits from a reasonably large population and gene pool, which confers resilience and an ability to adapt in response to stressors like erratic weather, diseases and pests and human disturbance.

Water quality also makes development of the property unwise. In combination, CT DEEP-owned open space and the Deer Lake Reservation encompass most of the Chatfield Hollow Brook watershed. The brook contributes substantial clean water to the Hammonasset River; extensive protected brackish marshes at the mouth of the river support important rare plants and birds.

Due to steep slopes and rocky shallow soils that are

ill-suited to septic systems, intensive residential development of the Deer Lake site is reasonably likely to substantially increase nutrient loading to the brook, with potential to harm aquatic and littoral plant communities of Hammonasset estuary and Deer Lake. Adverse effects on Hammonasset Beach are also possible; that would be another loss for the general public, aside from the loss of two miles of the outstanding Chatfield Trail and its southern trailhead.

Sigrun N. Gadwa is an ecologist, soil scientist and wetland scientist chairing the Connecticut Botanical Society Ecology & Conservation Committee. **Hayley Kolding** is an ecologist and president of the Connecticut Botanical Society.

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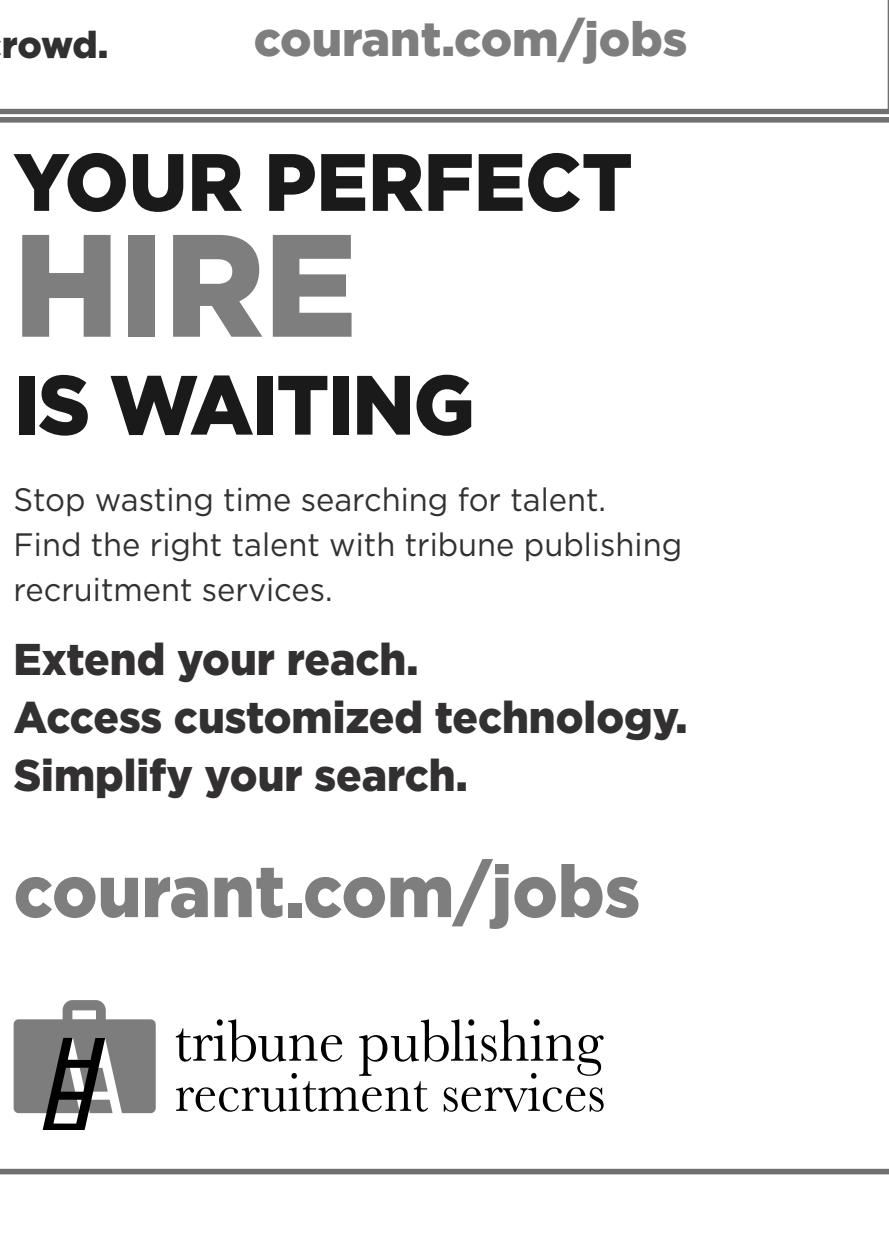
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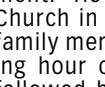
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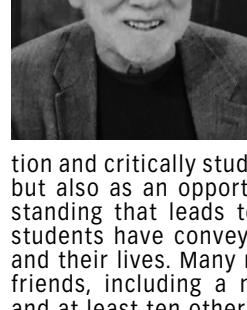
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Wilbert William Luetjen, 93, of East Hampton and formerly of Vernon, husband of the late Gertrude (Anderson) Luetjen, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, May 6, 2022. Born in Rockville, the son of the late William and Minnie (Lemme) Luetjen, he grew up and lived in Vernon for most of his life before moving to East Hampton recently. Wilbert proudly served his country in

 the U. S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was the second-generation owner and operator of the family oil business in Vernon for many years before his retirement. He was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon. He is survived by several extended family members. His family will receive friends for calling hour on Friday, May 13, 2022 from 10 – 11 a.m. followed by a funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon. Burial will follow in Grove Hill Cemetery, Vernon. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Jeremy Zwelling, Associate Professor of Religion, Emeritus at Wesleyan University passed away peacefully on May 8, 2022, surrounded by his family. Zwelling taught in the Religion Department at Wesleyan for over four decades. He saw the classroom as a space not only for the students' acquiring information and critically studying a subject to gain knowledge, but also as an opportunity to take the path of understanding that leads to wisdom. So many of Jeremy's students have conveyed how he shaped their careers and their lives. Many remained lifelong colleagues and friends, including a number who became professors and at least ten others who became rabbis.

Zwelling was especially proud of having created a Jewish Studies Program, with colleagues in the Religion Department and joined by faculty in other departments. He also created and directed for over twenty-five years a semester program in Israel Studies in Jerusalem. When he retired in 2010, Jeremy was awarded The Binswanger Prize for Excellence in Teaching, "institutional recognition of outstanding faculty members." He was also honored when a chair was established at Wesleyan in his name as well as an annual lecture ship. Jeremy was pleased that he had accomplished a goal that he had set for himself before he retired from Wesleyan, with the Jewish Studies Program having been made a permanent part of the university's courses of study. His colleague and friend Peter Gottschalk said of Zwelling at the time of his retirement, "Time does not allow a complete reflection on Jeremy's life as a teacher, a scholar, a colleague, and a community builder, so I'll make mention of the singular quality that undergirds them all: his humanity.... Jeremy exemplifies a scholar's ability to learn, and prompt others to learn; to think, and prompt others to think; to engage, and prompt others to engage, all under an impulse to understand others not as others but as fellow humans whose desires, anxieties, aspirations, visions, and paradigms do not differ categorically from our own." Most pleasing an honor was a tree named for him by his colleagues in the Religion Department that grows near the entrance to Usdan Student Center. Around the corner grows a tree dedicated to his wife, who served for 28 years as Associate Director of the Career center. As an outgrowth of his academic work, Zwelling trained and served as a volunteer at Elmcrest Mental Hospital in Portland and later practiced outpatient therapy. He served for many years on the ethics committee of Middlesex Hospital. After his retirement from Wesleyan, Jeremy found great meaning in his work as a volunteer on Middlesex Hospital's hospice unit.

Jeremy was deeply dedicated to his family. He is survived by his wife of 55 years and companion in love of family, reading, film, biking, travel and food Virginia Perlman Zwelling, his sister and brother-in-law Sharon and Henry Cohen, his brother and sister-in-law Shomer Zwelling and Judy Zwelling Zwelling, his sister-in-law Emily Fryer, his children Daniel Zwelling (spouse Marissa Zwelling) and Elana Zwelling Hunter (partner Jack Karcher), and beloved and loving grandchildren Naomi Zwelling, Hannah Zwelling, Skylar Goose Hunter and Mimi Hunter. To this closest family, and his broader community of family and friends, he will also be remembered for his keen interest in all of their doings (including their dream lives) and his irreverent (some would say outrageous) sense of humor.

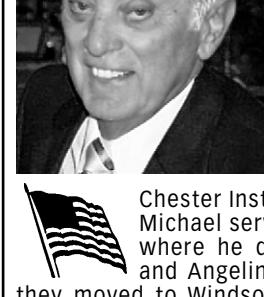
The family was particularly touched by the words of one friend that Jeremy had "an indomitable spirit and gigantic heart in a human, mortal body." The funeral will be held at Congregation Adath Israel Synagogue, 8 Broad Street, Middletown at 11:00am on Tuesday, May 10 followed immediately by a procession to Beth Alom Cemetery in New Britain. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to Congregation Adath Israel Synagogue, P.O. Box 337, 8 Broad Street, Middletown, CT 06457 or Doctors without Borders. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Alma (Parsons) O'Loughlin, 96, beloved wife of the late James J. O'Loughlin, Jr. passed away peacefully at home on May 7, 2022. Born in Hartford on November 26, 1925 to Carl Parsons and Alma (Whetstone) Parsons, Alma graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1943 and attended Vesper George School of Art in Boston. She returned to Hartford, married in 1947, had three children and moved to Bloomfield in 1956, where she was a Communicant of Sacred Heart Church. Alma retired in 1990 from the Bloomfield Public Schools Administrative Offices where she worked as secretary in the Food Services Department for 27 years. In recent years, Alma proudly served as Resident Ambassador at Brookdale West Hartford where she had been residing since 2016. Growing up, Alma enjoyed participating in sports of all kinds, especially tennis, swimming, diving, basketball, softball and horseback riding. She was artistic and always creatively personalized her greeting cards to others. Alma was a skilled seamstress, avid reader and enjoyed the outdoors, working in her yard and collecting sea glass at her summer home at Black Point in East Lyme. She also followed sports on television, especially tennis, the UConn Women's and Men's Basketball teams, and the Boston Red Sox. Her greatest joy was being actively involved with her family and watching it grow. We will forever miss her cheerfulness, calming presence and unconditional love.

Alma is survived by her daughters, Laurene Evans and husband Tony of East Granby; Kerry McCarthy of Westbrook; granddaughters Katherine Evans and husband Matthew Chmielewski of Simsbury and Bethany Gagne and husband Eric of West Hartford; her six great-grandchildren, Emma, Michael, Alice and Clara Chmielewski and Molly and Theo Gagne; and her sister Barbara O'Keefe of Wethersfield. In addition to her husband, Alma was pre-deceased by her son James J. O'Loughlin III, mother Estelle Inch and sister Patricia Dennison.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield on Wednesday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m., preceded by a visitation hour at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery. Memorial donations in Alma's memory may be made to Prosser Library, 1 Tunxis Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Online messages of sympathy and remembrance may be made at www.molloypf.com

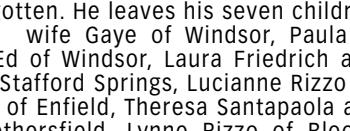
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Michael A. "Mikey" Rizzo, 90, of Windsor, beloved husband of the late Angeline (Mancuso) Rizzo for 63 years, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2022. Born in Hartford, October 6, 1931, son of the late Anthony and Lucia (DeAngelis) Rizzo, he graduated in 1950 from Weaver High School where he was dubbed the "Great Weaver Casanova" by his classmates. He attended Porter and Chester Institute where he studied drafting.

Michael served in the CT Air National Guard where he developed a love for flying. He and Angeline married in 1955 and in 1959 they moved to Windsor to raise their family. Michael began his career with Windsor Manufacturing starting as a draftsman and working his way up to sales. He also worked for Major Tool and Machine of Indiana and Electro Methods in South Windsor before going out on his own. He became a highly successful manufacturer's sales representative in the aerospace industry where he continued working for himself into his early eighties. He was an avid golfer and a true highlight for him was a trip to Scotland with his golfing buddies in the late 1990's to play at the historic Old Saint Andrew's Golf Course. For many years, he owned a small plane and particularly enjoyed weekend morning flights to Nantucket. He also loved to sing, belting out Frank Sinatra songs around the house, especially "My Way". He was a fan of the New York Giants, Boston Red Sox (particularly Ted Williams), and UCONN Women's Basketball. His family was by far the highlight of his life; having all seven of his children close by and spending time with them and their families was a tremendous source of pride for him. All his seven children graduated from Saint Gabriel's School in Windsor and during some of the years they were in school he served as President of Saint Gabriel's Home & School Association. In his later years he often spoke fondly of his "girls", his five daughters who looked out for him, especially after his beloved Angie passed away. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a truly wonderful man who will be missed and never forgotten. He leaves his seven children, Anthony Rizzo and wife Gaye of Windsor, Paula Glofka and husband Ed of Windsor, Laura Friedrich and husband Robert of Stafford Springs, Lucianne Rizzo and partner Tim Kiniry of Enfield, Theresia Santapaola and husband Sal of Wethersfield, Lynne Rizzo of Bloomfield, and Michael Rizzo, Jr. and wife Dot of Bloomfield; nineteen grandchildren Christina and husband Ryan, Melissa and husband Mark, Anthony and wife Ellie, Haley, Russell and wife Ashley, Matthew, Jennifer, George, Alyssa, Juliana, Gina, Giancarlo, Erich, Andrew, Rachel, Joshua and wife Juliana, Nicole and husband Stephen, Jonathan, and Brian; fourteen great grandchildren Franklin, Ayla, Grace, Guytano, Natalie, Caleb, Noah, Ava, Abby, Cora, Kody, Parker, Preston, and Noah; a sister-in-law Loretta Driscoll of West Hartford and many loving nieces and nephews. Besides his wife Angeline, he was predeceased by an infant daughter Frances Rizzo, a grandson Edward Glofka, and three older sisters, Olympia "Lee" Lucente, Angeline "Tootsie" Peterson, and Carmela "Millie" Intino.

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His family will receive friends Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 5-8 PM at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, May 13, 2022, 10 AM Directly at Saint Damien of Molokai Parish, St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad Street, Windsor. Entombment will follow in Mount Saint Benedict Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Gabriel's School, 77 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Sacheli, Salvatore J.****OBITUARIES****Buckberrough , Patricia**

Patricia L. Buckberrough (Nowacki), 68, of Kensington, passed away peacefully at home on May 3, 2022 after a long illness.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 29 years, Paul Buckberrough, three sisters: Susan Nowacki, Joanne Owens, Christine Swett and brother-in-law Merton Swett. She was predeceased by her mother Susan H. Saccetti and her father, Zigmund C. Nowacki.

Patricia was employed by Stanley Works for 45 years, which half of those years were at Stanley Access Technologies, Shipping Department in Farmington. She was a member of the Stanley Women's Club and served as Social Chairman for several years. She ran multiple trips and enjoyed all the friends she made along the way. She joined the Stanley Duckpin Bowling League where she met her husband, Paul. She was also a member of the Stanley Women's Gold League for many years. After her retirement in 2017, she joined the Stanley Seniors and looked forward to monthly bingo and celebrating birthdays with her friends.

Patricia loved driving down to the ocean, golfing, going to the casinos, the lake and vacationing in Saratoga, NY. She enjoyed plays and was a loyal season ticket holder at the Bushnell for many years. She loved cooking and the bigger the crowd, the better she liked it. Patricia proudly served in the U. S. Army Reserves for 8 years as a Supply Sergeant. She loved all animals but especially her Chow dogs, which she had several of for more than 30 years. She even had a couple she showed at The Westminster Dog Show in New York and won Best of Breed.

The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, CT has charge of arrangements. A graveside service will be held, Friday, May 13, 2022 at 12 noon at Maple Cemetery on Worthington Ridge, Berlin, CT. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Connecticut Humane Society or a rescue organization of your choice. www.shakerfuneralhome.com

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Patricia (Johnson) Godbout passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Saint Francis Hospital. Pat was very grateful for the care she received there over the years, especially from Dr. Galley and Dr. Kennedy. Pat was born in Hartford and grew up surrounded by her family. Many of her cousins lived right upstairs while others were close by in West Hartford.

Some things that we loved about Pat were her generosity, hospitality, compassion, and deep empathy for others. Her memory was impeccable and her storytelling skills were second to none. Some things that Pat loved were knitting, cooking, eating, and conversing, not necessarily in that order. She adored her family, which included her brothers, Bob (Ann), Bill (Joan), Jim (Sandy), John (Andrea) and her sister, Maureen (Rick) as well as her sisters in law, Anne (Rob), Betty Jane (John), and Julie (Peter) and brother in law Art (Liz). Her life-long best friend, Carolyn Brovero, became her cousin when Pat married the love of her life, Greg. Patty and Greg had over fifty wonderful years together. She is survived by their children Greg (Terry), Eileen (Michael), Geoff (Korie), and Dana (Melanie), their grandchildren Maggie (Chris), Devin, Kate, Jack, Tom, Ben, and James, and their great grandchildren Vivian and Ryan, as well as many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews. Pat loved the various places where she and Greg lived and the people they met there, starting in Germany and ending in West Hartford. While living in Willington, she served as the Town Clerk, for almost 20 years. Through her role as Town Clerk, she was able to meet and serve many wonderful citizens of the town. A memorial service celebrating Pat's life will be held on Friday, May 13 at 10:00 am at Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. Father Michael DeVito will officiate. Pat will be laid to rest alongside her husband Greg, her parents, grandparents, and other family members at St. Patrick's Cemetery 1558 King Street, Enfield. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Willington Public Library, 7 Ruby Rd. Willington, CT 06279, in her name or simply go and enjoy a delicious dinner with your loved ones, in her honor. To leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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Salvatore J. "Sam" Sacheli entered into eternal peace on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at The Suffield House in Suffield, CT. He was the beloved husband of 71 years to the late Dorothy "Dot" (Ferrara) Sacheli and son of the late Diego and Anna (Rinaldi) Sacheli. Sam was born in the Thompsonville section of Enfield and was a WWII veteran who served honorably in the U.S. Navy. He was a communicant of St. Patrick Church, St. Raymond of Penafort Parish, a member of AARP Chapter 3026, and was employed at Pratt & Whitney for 35 years. In addition to enjoying gardening, fishing, and baseball, his favorite pastime was watching UCONN Women's Basketball. Sam is survived by his daughter, Barbara Sacheli and her husband George Peters; his son, Michael; his grandson, Christopher, his wife Kristen and their two children, Anthony and Ryan; his granddaughter, Stephanie Carpenter; his sister-in-law, Rosemarie Usher; his goddaughter, Patricia McCormack, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In addition to his wife and parents, Sam was predeceased by his brothers, Charles and his wife Mary, and James and his wife Frances; his sisters, Maria and her husband Nello Spadoni, Anna and her husband Samuel Lauria, and Pauline and her husband Joseph Liucci; his brothers-in-law, Frank Ferrara, Jack Ingrassia, and Arthur Usher; his sister-in-law, Frances Ferrara, and his daughter-in-law, Anne Marie "Sas" Sacheli. The family would like to thank his doctors and the staff at The Suffield House for their support and caring of Sam. He will be deeply missed. Sam's family will receive relatives and friends from 10:30 to 11:30 on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield. A procession will gather at the funeral home at 11:30 am for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 12 pm at St. Patrick Church, 64 Pearl Street, Enfield. Committal with military honors will follow at St. Patrick's King St. Cemetery. Donations in Sam's memory may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's Residence, 1365 En

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Levenson, Merrilee

Merrilee Levenson, died peacefully at her home in Naples, Florida on May 3, 2022 two days after her 80th birthday. Merry grew up in New Rochelle, New York where she attended the local schools. Merry and Harvey Levenson were high school sweethearts and married shortly after Merry graduated. Merry moved with Harvey to Des Moines, Iowa in 1960, where they both attended Drake University and then moved to the Washington, DC area in 1964. In 1968 Merry and her family, which then included two sons, moved to Hartford, Connecticut. It was here that Merry was able to resume her studies and was awarded a B.A. from the University of Hartford and a Masters from Trinity University. She was an enthusiastic volunteer at several Hartford area institutions, including the Noah Webster House and the Wadsworth Atheneum, and was an active member of the Hartford Golf Club for more than 30 years. In the mid-1990s Merry and Harvey retired to Naples, Florida. They lived at Audubon Country Club and Merry loved being part of that community and spending time with lots of good friends there. In recent years, Merry also enjoyed spending summers in western North Carolina at The Cliffs at Walnut Cove. Merry is survived by her husband of 62 years Harvey, her son Gary, and her daughter-in-law Anna Klein. Her oldest son Lee passed away last month. She was the foundational support for her husband and children throughout their entire lives. Even at the end of life, her main concern was leaving her family. They are grateful for the constancy of her support and love, and will miss her very much. A private memorial will be held for family.

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Lesniak, Florence Ann (Kulas)

Florence Ann (Kulas) Lesniak, 91, lifelong resident of Windsor Locks, beloved wife of the late Wilfred Lesniak, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the Suffield House. She was born in Hartford on December 18, 1930, one of ten children to the late Walter and Celia (Kozaczuk) Kulas. Florence was a faithful communicant of St. Joseph Church, Poquonock where she attended mass regularly. Florence was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, her legacy will live on in the memories she shared with her family from the many trips to Cape Cod and the casino. She was also an avid UConn men and women's basketball fan. Florence is survived by her three children, Dorene Chapman of Suffield, Linda A. Lane and her husband Paul of Ocala, FL, and Charlotte A. Cawthra and her husband Tim of Enfield, four grandchildren, Melanie Gable and her husband Adam, Melissa Chapman, Amber Cawthra, and Mason Cawthra; her great-granddaughter, Madison Gable. She also leaves to mourn her passing her two sisters Patricia Humiston and Dolores Gracewski as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband Wilfred, Florence was predeceased by her seven siblings, Lorraine Spulick, Robert, Walter, Anthony, Frank, Edward, and Mary Kulas.

Family and friends may gather Thursday, May 12, 9:15 a.m. at the Carmon Poquonock Funeral Home, 1816 Poquonock Ave., Windsor followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Poquonock. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Poquonock. Her family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at The Suffield House for the compassion and care they provided to Florence. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Perruccio, Gary

Gary J. Perruccio, 65 of Meriden, Connecticut, passed away suddenly on May 1, 2022 in Naples, Florida. He was born in Middletown, Connecticut on June 18, 1956 to the late Joseph E. Perruccio and survived by his mother Joan Lockert Perruccio.

Gary leaves behind his wife of 40 years, Sarah (Ellsworth) Perruccio, his son Matthew J. Perruccio and his significant other Rachel M. Heath and daughter Mallory J. Perruccio and her fiancé Matthew J. Rowley, all of Portland.

Gary was a dedicated Boston Red Sox fan his entire life and was also an avid golfer. He enjoyed playing a weekly round of golf with his son. Coffee dates with his daughter were also a highlight of his week. Gary graduated from Coginchaug High School in 1974. He was in the insurance business for many years. Gary loved his family, his children were his pride and joy and he loved hearing about their days. He also loved vacations to the islands in his earlier days and then later enjoyed going to visit his parents at their little piece of paradise in Naples, Florida.

He is survived by his brothers Gregory Perruccio and his wife Jan G. Perruccio of Essex and George Perruccio of Middletown. His nephews Evan (Tiffany) Perruccio and their son Perrin and Erik Perruccio of Denton, Texas. Step nephew Timothy Rhone of Fairfield. Sister in Law Deborah A. Ellsworth of Portland. Brother in Law McClure E. Ellsworth II and his wife Linda of San Antonio, Texas. A niece Marissa E. Schaeffer, her husband Theodore and children of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania. Also, his Aunt Josephine P. Monthei and many cousins.

Besides his father, Gary was predeceased by his brother Gerald Perruccio, all of his grandparents, many uncles and aunts and father and mother in law.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Gary to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.jimmyfund.org/gift.

The funeral will be held on Friday, May 13th at 10 a.m. from the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, Portland at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the family plot in Center Cemetery, Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday, May 12th from 5-7 p.m.

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Dubiel, Edith Elizabeth

Edith Elizabeth (Eames) Dubiel, 94, of Manchester, beloved wife of the late Joseph George Dubiel, Sr., passed away at her home on May 5, 2022. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Ruth (day) Eames. Edith and Joseph were longtime parishioners of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where they were married on December 24, 1951. Edith held several careers in her lifetime: Dr. Eugene Davis optometrist office, Pratt and Whitney, and SNET, in which she retired from on February 18, 1989, after working for 25 years. She was a Bolton Den's Mother @ Cub Scouts, loved vacationing on Cape Cod in Falmouth, and reading "Reader's Digest". Edith leaves behind her children Betty Anne Turgeon of Vernon, Joseph George Dubiel, Jr. of Manchester and Donald Alan Dubiel of Manchester; her grandchildren Tabitha Turgeon, Shannon and Joshua Gluz; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband Joseph in 2001, her sisters Ruth March and Marjorie Anderson and her brother-in-law Robert Anderson. Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center Street, Manchester on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. with a funeral home service immediately following. Burial will be held at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Edith's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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McMullen-Sheridan, Linda

Linda McMullen-Sheridan, 65 of Middletown, passed away on Tuesday May 03, 2022. Linda worked in the Hartford area for many years as Barber. She leaves to cherish her memories, her loving children, Tyron, Shaylin, (Kirkland) Stephen, Branden, and a host of other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 10:00 am with A Celebration Life Service to follow at 11:00 am at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Nadeau, Robert P.

Robert P. Nadeau 96, beloved husband of the late Carmen Nadeau, of East Windsor passed away Friday, May 6, 2022. He was born November 2, 1925 in Van Buren, Maine to Joseph and Regina (Roi) Nadeau.

Robert served in the US Army Infantry during WWII and courageously fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was highly decorated because of his heroic efforts.

Robert was the oldest member of the American Legion in Windsor Locks. His passions were reading, gardening and bird watching. He loved fishing and was a member of the Broad Brook Angling Club.

Robert is survived by his son, Rick Nadeau of Charlestown RI, daughter, Carol DuMouchel of Largo FL, grandchildren, Christopher Torres of West Hartford, Brittany Barczyk of Berlin and great grandson, Xander Torres, his sister Sylvia Learnard of Monroe and brother Ronald Nadeau of Coventry.

Robert was predeceased by four brothers and five sisters.

The memorial service will be held on Friday, May 13th from 10am to noon at the Bassinger Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner Street, East Windsor. Immediately followed by burial with full military honors at Windsorville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Veterans Association. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Shannon, Robin I

Robin Inez Shannon, 61, of Windsor, the devoted wife of the late Morris Skyers transitioned peacefully Tuesday May 03, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Robin was born in Hartford, CT, to the late Silas and Irene (Carter) Shannon Sr. Robin leaves to cherish her memory, four sons; Jamell Fisher, Chince Wilson, Jr., Maurice Skyers, and Jordan Skyers; two daughters, Malika Wilson, and Desiree Skyers; four brothers, Silas Shannon, Jr. (Judith), Kevin Shannon, Torrance Shannon (Marcia), and Patrick Shannon; five sisters, Margaret Evans (James), Veronica Smith, Stacey Scotchman (Michael), Cheryl Ward (Woodley), and Zina Foster; special nephew, Anthony Shannon; special niece, Almeda Harris; three grandsons, five granddaughters, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Along with her husband and parents, Robin was predeceased by her son Malik Shannon; one sister, Doris Beverly McGriff; two brothers Alphonso McGriff Jr. and Keith Shannon, and Chince Wilson, Sr., father of Chince, Malika and Desiree.

Funeral services will be held 12pm, Wednesday May 11, 2022, at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 11am-12pm. For the complete obituary and online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Careb, Elizabeth A.

Elizabeth A. Careb, 93, of Bristol, passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. She was born on June 11, 1928 in New Britain, daughter of the late James W. Adams Janjanian and Ossanna (Bayandorian) Janjanian. Betty was the loving wife of the late Albert "Beb" Careb whom passed away in 2013. Betty was a member of the First Congregational Church in Bristol. She graduated from New Britain High School and received her degree in elementary education from Teachers College of Connecticut with high honors. She taught in the New Britain School system for 37 years, primarily at Jefferson School. She was a member of the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut and was loved by her students, some of whom contacted her years later to express their appreciation. Betty loved the game of golf and once was crowned the Chippannee Golf Club Nine-Hole Women's Champion. Betty also enjoyed playing bridge, and she was known as a really good player. Betty is survived by her son Matthew Careb of Bristol and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, Betty is predeceased by her daughter Linda Careb, brother Mel Adams and sisters Mary Kosakowski and Sadie Wilcox. Services will be held privately. Betty loved dogs very much, so in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Animal Rescue Foundation of 366 Main Street, Terryville, CT 06786. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Elizabeth's tribute page at www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com.

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Tracey, Joseph S.

Joseph S. Tracey, who lived life to the fullest, was born on October 9, 1927 and passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth Tracey, who he will now join. Joseph is survived by his two daughters Joadi Tracey of Vermont and Cynthia and Daniel Hadden of South Windsor, with whom he made his home with for over 20 years, a Sister-in-law, Sr. MaryJane Timmermans, Sister of Charity, New Jersey. His four granddaughters, Kierney Gaboriault, Tracey Hadden-Depta and her husband Andrew, Kaylan Sweet and Ashley Hadden-Sanzo and her husband Michael and his eight great-grandchildren, Aiden, Madisyn, Hailey, Owen, Ainslee, Joseph, Elizabeth and Jackson.

Joe is a Veteran of World War II, Serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was a municipal constable, volunteer firefighter, involved with the Equine 4-H program, proud retiree of the Local 671 Teamsters, which he received many excellent driving awards. Throughout his life and retirement, Joe loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, traveling, camping and his yard and gardens. He loved Mondays at the casino and UCONN Women's Basketball. Most of all he loved his family. The family would like to thank those at Portland Care and Rehab, who offered him understanding, compassion and care. The burial will be private and at the convenience of his family.

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Granby getting 235 apartments

Complex projected as largest residential development in town

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

A Pennsylvania developer this month is starting to build Station 280, a 235-unit apartment complex that will become the biggest residential development in Granby's history.

Burkentine Builders, which has extensive experience developing rental housing in Pennsylvania and Maryland, plans studios, one-, two- and three-bedroom units for Station 280.

The project is being built on 42 acres of

woodlands and fields north of Route 20 and 10 near the town center. All will be market-rate rents ranging from \$1,600 to \$2,650, said Mike Burkentine, vice president of sales and development.

"The location speaks volumes about the town — it has a small-town, hometown feel. The town is putting in sidewalks, and that means a lot to us because the walkability factor in our opinion is going to be fantastic," Burkentine said.

Burkentine Builders is one segment of a family-owned construction and development business that builds apartments, single-family houses and commercial buildings in the mid-Atlantic region. Granby is its first venture in the Connecticut market, and Burkentine expects more.

"Our company is all about being outside of Class A markets — we're not interested in downtown Hartford high-rises with \$5,000 a month," he said. "We deliver meaningful spaces in communities that have that hometown feel."

The company's Pennsylvania portfolio includes hundreds of apartments and townhouses in Gettysburg, Hanover, New Freedom, York, Mechanicsburg and Red Lion, mostly in three-story buildings like the ones planned for Station 280.

The Granby complex will have seven buildings of apartments along with a pool, clubhouse, fire pit, fitness center, dog park and bike racks.

Jonathan Vosburgh of Bloomfield-based Roswell Development and Eric Brown first

proposed the Station 280 project to Granby planners nearly three years ago, and Burkentine later acquired it.

"The opportunity presented itself through some relationships we had. We determined Granby is in need of housing," Burkentine said. "The project is attractive because you can walk to the school, walk to the ice cream shop or the coffee shops and restaurants. And when you bring a project like this to a town, businesses thrive."

Burkentine expects to be doing more projects in Connecticut.

"When we go into a state, we're looking to build upwards of 500 or 1,000 homes. So we're on a mission to hunt down more proj-

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Gas prices surge past \$4 a gallon

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Gas prices are surging as nations step up bans of Russian oil imports in retaliation for its assault on Ukraine.

In Connecticut, prices are blowing past the \$4 mark even after Gov. Ned Lamont and state lawmakers suspended a 25-cent-a-gallon tax. A gallon of regular gas cost, on average, \$4.32 Monday, according to AAA, up from \$3.93 a month ago and \$3 in May 2021, a 44% increase in a year.

The price of regular gas cost an average \$4.33 in the U.S.

Andrew Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates LLC, a Houston consulting firm, cited significant volatility in oil markets following Russia's invasion of Ukraine that began in February. Refineries and countries are moving to ban Russian energy, resulting in a "scramble for alternative supplies" that has pushed up prices, he said.

The G7 group of nations agreed Sunday to phase out or end oil imports from Russia. The U.S. has already banned imports.

Among oil-producing nations, Russia is No. 3, behind the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, supplying about 10% of the world's oil.

Alternatives to Russian oil include increased production by OPEC plus, an expanded group of oil producing countries; more domestic production, which is evident in a rising number of oil and gas rigs in the U.S.; and the release of strategic petroleum reserves in the U.S. and other countries, Lipow said.

"It's bought us some time," he said.

However, it's not enough to make up for the anticipated loss of Russian supplies, he said. The national average price of gas could rise another 10 cents or 15 cents a gallon before falling as demand drops. Even then, reduced demand would not be the result of positive market developments, but brought on instead by a slowing economy and the start of a recession, Lipow said.

Motorists are feeling the squeeze on their finances. Personal spending in the U.S. rose \$185 billion in March, up 1.1%, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. An increase in nondurable goods was led by gas and other energy products, the agency said.

Kate Mosley, manager of Saybrook Point Marina, said boaters who fill up with diesel that's about \$2 a gallon more than regular gas are taking shorter trips. Boaters will travel to Greenport on Long Island's North Fork rather than to Nantucket, Mass., or Newport, R.I., she said.

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West Hartford's Vietnamese Night Market offers a variety of Vietnamese food options, all to benefit St. Mark the Evangelist church.

Vietnamese Night Market brings West Hartford church to life

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

It was a chilly night Saturday but small groups of friends gathered around food booths at St. Mark the Evangelist in West Hartford as a combination of delicious scents wafted through the air — grilled meats, baked goods and of course, pho. A live band played pop music from Vietnam and other parts of the world — like "Jamaica Farewell" — translated into Vietnamese.

It was the opening of the Vietnamese Night Market, held bimonthly during the warmer months at the church. The open-air event is a celebration of cooking and community, offering a variety of food options, all of them homemade by parishioners and with all proceeds benefiting the church.

"The market is so fun and exciting. Everyone loves it," Ánh Đôn Lê, a member of the parish council, said. "It brings Vietnamese people together and lets us introduce our culture to others."

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The Rev. Tuan Anh Dinh Mai, known to everyone as Father Andy, is the pastor of the quasi-parish of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, which is at St. Mark the Evangelist in West Hartford. He founded the Vietnamese Night Market in 2019. SEAN FOWLER PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

As hospital systems grow, rural patients lose some services

By Katy Golvala
CT Mirror

On a Sunday evening in February, Bea Trotta's 94-year-old mother started having trouble breathing at her home in the northwestern corner of the state. She felt exhausted.

An ambulance drove her 30 minutes to the nearest emergency room, at Sharon Hospital, where she was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Her heart wasn't pumping enough blood to keep her body functioning.

When Trotta arrived at the hospital to meet her mother, staff told her the case was too complex to be handled there. If her mother wanted treatment, they'd have to transfer her to another facility that could provide a more advanced level of care.

"That was my wake-up call. It was like, 'Oh, we're losing our medical facility. We're losing the life-saving hand to reach out and help us,'" Trotta said.

Across the country, hospital mergers are changing the ways in which people access health care. Most hospitals are no longer independent but instead part of larger health systems that own multiple facilities.

In Connecticut, two systems — Yale New Haven and Hartford HealthCare — are on the brink of owning more than half the 27 hospitals in the state.

In 2000, Connecticut had 23 independent hospitals. Today, the state has six.

Hospital consolidation and service cuts

When hospitals merge, they decrease costs by cutting duplicative services. The Office of Health Strategy currently has three pending proposals to cut services. A spokesperson acknowledged the agency "is concerned with the number of the proposals currently filed to terminate services."

Nuvance Health, which owns seven hospitals across western Connecticut and the Hudson Valley, has filed to eliminate the birthing unit at Sharon and terminate inpatient psychiatric services at Norwalk. Hartford HealthCare is awaiting final approval from the state to cut labor and delivery at Windham Hospital, about 40 minutes from Hartford.

But, those only account for the cuts

formally on file with the state. In other cases, hospitals have made changes without seeking state permission.

Nuvance plans to replace the intensive care unit at Sharon with what's known as a progressive care unit, which can't handle the same complexity of care. According to physicians in the area, the hospital has already started transferring some patients in need of the most critical care — such as Trotta's mother — to other hospitals, even though the change hasn't received state approval.

Others have effectively terminated services for years without approval by dubbing them "suspensions," stating that they have no intention to permanently close the units. Suspensions, unlike terminations, previously didn't require state approval.

In March 2020, Gov. Ned Lamont issued an executive order allowing hospitals to temporarily shut down services to increase capacity for COVID patients. The order expired in May 2021, at which point any suspended services should have resumed. But at least two hospitals have not done so.

Under the waiver, Trinity Health of New England, which owns three hospitals in Connecticut, suspended birthing services

at Johnson Memorial in Stafford two years ago. Services have remained shuttered ever since, but Trinity claims it will reopen the unit once it can find appropriate staffing.

OHS has opened an investigation into the suspension.

Prospect Medical Holdings, a Los Angeles-based company that owns 16 hospitals across the country including three in Connecticut, also took advantage of the COVID waiver. The company notified the state that it would shut down surgical services, among others, at Rockville General Hospital. As of February 2022, surgical services had not yet resumed, and OHS issued a \$118,000 fine for the violation, which the company has appealed.

In emailed comments, a spokesperson for the hospital said that "certain services" have resumed and that the temporary suspensions at the hospital were "done in accordance with requirements set out by the Office of Health Strategy."

John Brady, executive vice president of AFT CT, a union that represents health care professionals, said multiple members

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Man charged in New Fairfield stabbing death

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

State police arrested a man Saturday and charged him with the stabbing death of another man in New Fairfield.

Patrick Griffin, 59, of New Fairfield, faces a first-degree manslaughter charge and was held in lieu of \$1 million for a court appearance on Monday.

Police were sent to Griffin's home at 2 East Hillview Drive

about 9:20 p.m. on a report of an active assault. The victim, James Knapp, 65, was transported to Danbury Hospital with a stab wound to the chest and later pronounced dead at the hospital, police said.

Griffin also was taken to the hospital with unspecified injuries, where state police detectives arrested him.

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State police: Arrest made in April pizza truck hit-and-run

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A reckless driver who caused a pizza truck to crash on I-91 last month has been arrested, state police said Monday.

Marcos Gomez, 25, turned himself in Sunday on charges that include evading responsibility, reckless driving, following too closely and operating without insurance, police said. Gomez was released on a \$20,000 bond and is to appear in Middletown Superior Court on May 31.

Police say Gomez was driving a Toyota Scion on the highway just south of Exit 21 in Cromwell on the afternoon of April 23 when he hit the rear end of a vehicle owned

by Big Green Truck Pizza.

In a dramatic crash captured on video, the truck teetered on its right wheels before skidding across all three lanes and crashing on its left side and sliding down the highway for about 10 seconds. The driver, Kevin Sanguirama, 25, and front-seat passenger, 31-year-old Josh Danz, both of Hamden, climbed out of a truck window and were taken to the Hospital of Central Connecticut with minor injuries, according to police.

After hitting the truck, Gomez smashed the sedan into a guardrail before fleeing on foot, police said.

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"There's still that desire to go out, but it will be local trips," Mosley said.

Economist Donald Klepper-Smith said consumers on average this year will spend \$1,000 to \$2,000 more on energy to run their cars and heat and cool their homes and the increased cost "siphons off discretionary spending."

"People are feeling less wealthy," he said.

The squeeze on consumer spending could be felt in a few months at the start of the Christmas retail season, the economy's biggest consumer event, Klepper-Smith said. Less money to spend is "setting up a nasty situation for the holiday shopping season," he said.

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As emcee and host of the event, Lê, who owns nail spas in Southington and Windsor Locks, was greeting diners and getting them hyped about the event.

The Rev. Tuan Anh Dinh Mai, known to everyone as Father Andy, is the pastor of the quasi-parish of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, located at St. Mark, that has become a social hub for 250 families, coming from as far as New York and Massachusetts, who attend Mai's weekly Vietnamese-language Masses. Mai founded the night market in 2019 and the families of the parish comprise the market.

But people from all walks of life are welcome at the market, to delight in a wide range of Vietnamese dishes for on-site dining or takeout. Some vendors bring prepared and packaged foods to sell.

"It's not just for Vietnamese. We get people here speaking Chinese, English, Cambodian, Thai, Laotian," Mai said. "People work hard all week and want to relax with friends on Saturday night. Saturday is friends' day. Sunday is families' day."

The market did well in 2019, its inaugural year, and less well during the height of the pandemic. It started again on May 7, and will run through Oct. 15. On May 7, the crowd of hundreds bundled up in coats against the low-50s temperature and stiff wind. "We got a good crowd even though it is cold. More people will come when it is warmer," Mai said.

Among the dishes are pho, banh mi, stir fry, shrimp-taro



A variety of fresh and prepared foods are sold at Vietnamese Night Market, which is held the first and third Saturday evenings of every month at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford. **SEAN FOWLER PHOTO/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

pancakes, fried quail and chicken, grilled meats, pork patties, coconut snails, spring rolls, duck eggs, soups, baked goods, desserts, beer, wine and sugar cane juice fresh pressed while you wait.

Most of the booths are simple tables under canopies, with seating in a separate area. Zen Nguyen of Hartford was an exception. Her wooden food cart, with straw on the roof and a few barstools, featured a sign "Pho Hung."

"I am from Hanoi. A long time ago, Hanoi had simple carts on the street, just like this. Even when it was cold, people wanted to sit down at the carts outside and have something to eat," Nguyen said. "We serve traditional beef pho, nothing else."

Toan Nguyen of Windsor runs a booth where he grills skewered veggies and meat: lamb, chicken and pork. He enjoys interacting

with people and making them food.

"It's a beautiful place for us to have fun. And we find happiness in service," he said.

Thuy Le of West Hartford visited the market as a customer, with friend Tran Nguyen of West Hartford. "I like eating here because a lot of these dishes, they would take hours to make if I made them at home," Le said. "I just want to come here and eat a lot."

Vietnamese Night Market starts at 6 p.m. May 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20, Sept. 3 and 17 and Oct. 1 and 15 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 Quaker Lane South in West Hartford.

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An artist's rendering of the planned Station 280 apartment complex in Granby. **COURTESY OF BURKENTINE BUILDERS**

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ects," he said.

Nationally, the housing industry is going through a powerful cycle of demand, especially for apartments, he said.

"Our company ramped up during COVID. We knew that since the Great Recession, there was a depression in new subdivisions. That combined with COVID

would create a need for housing in a way we've never seen before," he said.

"Interest rates are going up. People are unsure right now what to think – they look at an apartment or townhouse and say 'that's a safety zone.' It gives the ability to work from home with the clubhouse and amenities," he said.

"Market studies show we're in a great migration now. We have customers moving back to be with grandkids, moving back because

they miss their hometown, some people want dual locations," he said. "And with young professionals, COVID really changed the business environment. People are working from home and we take that into consideration with our designs – we look at where the desk and the computer will be."

The company expects to complete construction in a year and a half to two years. But pre-leasing will begin this winter, and apartments will be opened in phases.

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Collecting money from former prisoners curtailed, not ended

By Kelan Lyons
CT Mirror

The state will no longer have the ability to claw back money that formerly incarcerated people win through lawsuits — unless individuals were convicted of “certain serious crimes.”

Legislators considered a bill this session that would have eliminated the state’s authority to collect so-called prison debt if the formerly incarcerated came upon a windfall via lottery winnings, inheritance or a lawsuit. But despite receiving a lot of media attention throughout the session, the bill did not get called for a vote in the House or Senate.

“That was an important bill to us, given the impact on all communities, particularly communities of color,” said Sen. Gary Winfield, D-New Haven and co-chair of the Judiciary Committee, which held a public hearing on the bill and passed it out of committee.

But a provision of the budget lawmakers approved in the waning days of session reins in the state’s ability to charge people for having spent time in prison or jail. Now, the state can still take money gained through the lottery or inheritance, but it can take money awarded in lawsuits only if an individual is currently or was previously incarcerated for capital felony or murder with special circumstances, felony murder, first- and second-degree sexual assault, first-degree aggravated sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault of a minor.

The measure also provides a \$50,000 buffer for the currently incarcerated, providing them a possibility of holding onto some of their funds.

“If you have a million bucks, [the state] is going to rob you blind, but you’re going to be left with \$50,000,” said Dan Barrett, legal



State Sen. Gary Winfield, D-New Haven, speaks during a debate in March in the Senate Chamber. COURANT FILE

PHOTO

director of the ACLU of Connecticut, describing a scenario that a currently incarcerated person could now face. But if they were convicted of one of the listed crimes, “you will not even be left with the \$50,000; they’ll take it all.”

Barrett, whose organization has an ongoing lawsuit with the state over its prison debt practices, said that before the budget passed, the state had an array of ways it could collect debt from people who were released from prison, taking money they gained from lawsuits or inheritances, or property the formerly incarcerated leave to their loved ones.

Thanks to the law change, Barrett said, the state will not be able to take money from lawsuits,

but the rest of the options remain on the table.

“So, anyone who is inheriting money, anyone who has managed to save some money and wants to pass it along to their kids, and anyone who wins the lottery, they’re unaffected by the amendment,” said Barrett.

“The state deciding it is no longer going after people’s lawsuit winnings is a huge development,” Barrett said. “Think of somebody who gets out of prison and they get hit by a car crossing the street. What does that have to do with their prison debt?”

Winfield said carving out people convicted of certain serious crimes is a part of the negotiating required to get the budget through the legislature.

“There has to be agreement for things to go in the implementer,” he said. “There is a thought in the General Assembly among some that the people who have committed that class of crimes, no matter where they are in life, are forever who they were when they committed those crimes. And the way we deal with them is reminding them on a daily basis, no matter what they’ve done, that they can’t do anything more.”

Winfield pointed out that some are individuals who served their time in the prison system and have since been released, “but we can’t wrap our heads around the fact that someone could have committed a terrible crime and still be a human being.”

Advocates have been work-

ing for years to get rid of prison liens. Da’ee McKnight said he and Fred Hodges, both of whom work for Family Reentry/Community Resource for Justice in Bridgeport, have been advocating on the issue for the past decade. McKnight said they worked with a broad coalition this session — including Rep. Anthony Nolan, D-New London, Quinnipiac Law School Professor Sarah Russell, Rep. Steven Stafstrom, D-Bridgeport, and Winfield — to get the measure passed.

McKnight, who served 17 ½ years in prison, said such liens keep formerly incarcerated people, who already have a hard time finding work because of the stigma of a criminal record, trapped in poverty.

“The majority of people in prison come from impoverished communities,” he said.

McKnight received money from lawsuit settlements from two separate car accidents after he got out of prison in 2005. He said the state came after him both times, taking half the money he received for his injuries.

“Whatever award you’re given is not a windfall. It’s supposed to make you whole, because you were injured,” he said.

The language in the budget implementer is progress, McKnight said, and he is grateful — but he hopes that one day the state ends prison liens against everyone, including those convicted of those serious crimes.

“This is about ending economic sanctions that you’re putting on poor people,” he said. “When you exclude a certain group of people, then it appears to be just what it is, which is a punishment.”

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Eversource Rodeo Competition

Eversource lineworkers from across the Northeast competed on Saturday at the Eversource Berlin campus in Berlin during the Eversource Rodeo Competition.

Among the events the lineworkers competed in was a race to the top of utility poles. The climbing event, to reach a training dummy at the top of the pole, simulated a “hurt man rescue.” Underground lineworkers competed in a manhole rescue and electric meter operators

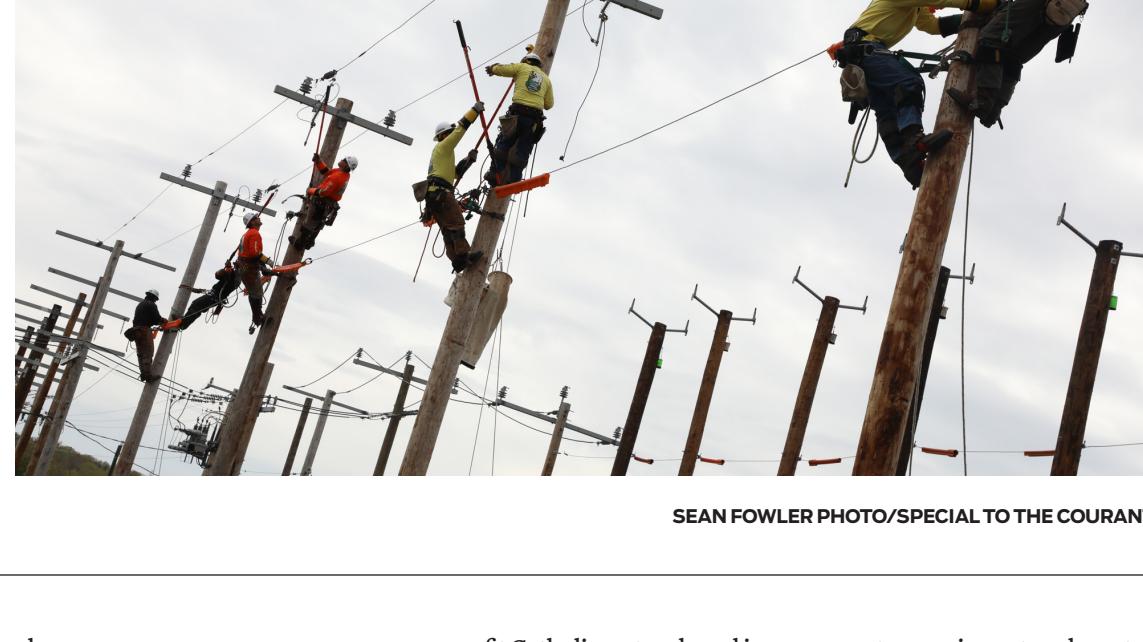
tested their skills in events like cable pulling.

“It’s a lot of fun,” said Eversource lineworker Derek Drace. “You get to see co-workers that you don’t normally work with and train with them. You learn a lot of new tricks and get better at your trade.”

Victors from the event, including two teams from Connecticut, will proceed to the 38th annual International Lineman’s Rodeo & Expo in Kansas this October.

“It’s a lot of fun. You get to see co-workers that you don’t normally work with and train with them. You learn a lot of new tricks and get better at your trade.”

— Derek Drace, Eversource lineworker



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have told him that surgeries aren’t happening at the hospital. Additionally, Rockville closed its intensive care unit and replaced it with a progressive care unit without notifying the state. This is the same change Nuvance filed to make at Sharon Hospital.

The legislature just passed a measure that seeks to prohibit long-term suspensions by specifically defining a “termination of services” as any stoppage of service lasting more than 180 days.

Service cuts hit communities hard

When health systems buy up community hospitals, they often say the new affiliation will bring benefits that only a large system can offer, like access to new services and highly trained specialists.

Residents of Windham say that’s what happened with the formerly independent Windham Hospital after Hartford HealthCare acquired it in 2009.

“They led the community to believe that they were going to bring in telehealth service to augment what we had — that they would have specialists and what-not, be able to [conduct visits] by video conference to help our hospital do better,” said Brenda Buchbinder, a resident of Willimantic and member of a community group called “Windham United to Save Our Healthcare.”

Buchbinder said Windham underwent cosmetic upgrades when HHC first took over, suggesting the large health system was investing in its newest acquisition.

But in 2015, Hartford HealthCare announced the conversion of Windham’s intensive care unit to what’s known as a progressive care unit, which can’t handle the same

complexity of care. At the time, the state didn’t require a certificate of need because the company stated the change did not entail a termination of services, a claim that the hospital’s doctors strongly disputed at the time, according to public documents.

Now, HHC is moving forward with plans to close the hospital’s labor and delivery unit. Buchbinder said those moves directly contradict the promises made to the community.

“Nowhere did they indicate that they were going to be consolidating and regionalizing services away,” said Buchbinder.

Hartford HealthCare said its ownership has brought Windham’s patients access to additional resources they wouldn’t otherwise have, including a new ambulatory care building and behavioral health facility.

Hospital systems often claim that consolidation will bring increased quality of care, in addition to more resources. Academic researchers and economists have found otherwise.

“It is supposed to improve access to services, to improve quality for people seeking health care, and that is not what happens,” said Ruqaiyah Yearby, professor of health law at St. Louis University, who studies racial disparities in health care.

In fact, experts disagree on how to measure hospital quality in the first place, making it impossible to understand the impact of consolidation on quality of care.

Rural hospitals face a particularly complicated situation. Sparked by financial challenges, the pace of rural closures began accelerating in 2010 and peaked in 2020. Getting acquired by a large health system could provide a way for some to avoid permanent

closure.

From the perspective of the health care executives, eliminating a financially struggling unit provides immediate cost savings. A service cut makes even more sense if another facility within the system provides those same services.

While regionalizing health care services in this way improves the bottom line for hospitals, it leaves patients farther away from the medical care they need, sometimes unexpectedly.

Before Trotta’s mother ended up in the ER at Sharon, she’d never considered they’d need to go anywhere other than the local hospital in an emergency.

“We always took for granted that if you needed [care], you could just go to Sharon Hospital. I mean, it’s just been such an institution in this community for so many decades,” Trotta said.

But things had changed in Sharon. Several months before Trotta’s mother arrived at the ER, Nuvance had begun transitioning Sharon’s ICU to a progressive care unit. Unlike an ICU, a PCU doesn’t handle patients needing intubation or, like Trotta’s mother, around-the-clock cardiac monitoring or close nurse observation.

That night in February, Trotta’s mother had a choice: Stay put at Sharon without the care she needed or travel for treatment.

“At that point, she realized the seriousness of her condition — that she was faced with life or death,” said Trotta. (Trotta requested that her mother’s name not be included in this story for privacy reasons.)

Today, only one of Connecticut’s four rural hospitals remains independent — and it’s not likely to stay that way.

Sharon, Windham and Johnson Memorial have been acquired by large health systems. And last year, Connecticut’s last rural independent hospital — Day Kimball in Putnam — announced plans to become part of Covenant Health, a

nonprofit Catholic system based in Knoxville, Tenn.

Service cuts have followed these acquisitions. The cuts would have a particularly devastating impact on the state’s rural labor and delivery landscape.

If the suspension remains permanent and the proposed closures receive state approval, only one of Connecticut’s four rural hospitals would offer birthing services. Windham and Litchfield counties would be left with one labor and delivery unit each, and Tolland County would have none.

Brittni Scavotto, who lives in Canaan, is expecting her second child and plans to give birth at Sharon Hospital, as she did with her first. Nuvance plans to discontinue labor and delivery at Sharon this year, and Scavotto is due this summer. The hospital system cited “underutilization” and “continuing low birth rates” as reasons for shutting the unit.

Scavotto rejects that claim, saying she’s observed a resurgence of young families in the area, particularly since the start of the pandemic.

“It’s not that young families aren’t here. And it’s not that we’re not having babies. We are here. We are having babies. It’s just that Nuvance does not want to fulfill that need in this community,” she said.

In emailed comments, Nuvance said that closing the unit was a difficult decision but added, “If Sharon Hospital is going to remain sustainable and continue to serve our patients into the future, we know we cannot maintain an underused Labor & Delivery unit.”

The company confirmed that the unit will continue operating until the closure receives state approval.

Who feels it the most?

Poorer communities, as well as Black, Native American and Latinx communities, are more likely to

encounter service cuts, advocates say.

At Windham Hospital, only 8% of birthing patients have commercial insurance, according to public documents Hartford HealthCare provided to the state. Such a low percentage suggests they represent some of the neediest residents in the state.

The documents also revealed that 70% of people who gave birth at Windham identified as “Hispanic or Latino.” In Connecticut, Latinx residents are the most likely of any racial or ethnic group to be uninsured.

With minimal Spanish-language media in the state, Windham town council member Rose Reyes said the Latinx community may remain unaware of the closure — which could present risks for people in labor who might be turned away.

“We don’t know how much the Latino community doesn’t know. No one has gone out and surveyed them. No one has gone out and knocked on those doors to get that feedback recently,” she said.

Bea Trotta also fears that her friends or neighbors might show up at Sharon Hospital in an emergency, only to find the care they need isn’t available.

After the ordeal at Sharon back in February, Trotta’s mother decided to transfer to Saint Francis in Hartford, nearly 50 miles away. She spent three days in the hospital and another two weeks at a rehabilitation facility.

In March, she turned 95 years old, celebrating over eclairs with her two daughters.

Editor’s note: This is the second in a two-part series examining the consequences of the consolidation of hospital systems through mergers and acquisitions. Last week was: How rising health care costs weigh on CT small businesses and nonprofits.

Katy Golvala is the CT Mirror’s first Investigative Research Fellow.

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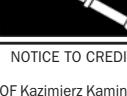
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ESTATE OF Kazimierz Kaminski (22-00322)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated May 2, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Anne Kerin, AKA Ann Kerin (22-00235)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated April 7, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Electors of the Town of Killingworth and all those qualified to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Budget Meeting and Special Town Meeting will be held in the All Purpose Room of the Killingworth Elementary School, 340 Route 81, Killingworth, CT on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items of business:

1. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$5,678,862.

2. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of Capital Expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$3,227,129.

3. To approve a Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan FY2022 – FY2031.

4. To authorize the additional expenditure of \$25,000 for the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company annual operating expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 to be funded from the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

5. To confirm the Selectmen's appointment of James Joseph Duffield, William Raymond Burley, and Brian James Blair as Killingworth's representatives to the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority, for a term to commence upon confirmation and to continue until June 30, 2023.

6. To confirm the Selectmen's appointment of Jamie Mowat Young to the Representative Policy Board, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for a term ending June 30, 2023.

Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 5th day of May, 2022.

Nancy M. Gorski
First Selectman

Louis C. Annino, Jr.
Selectman

Jamie Mowat Young
Selectman

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Derrick L. Straughn (22-00285)

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The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated April 20, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Walter S. Pacyna, Jr. (22-00320)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

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Internet firms on board with discounted service

Biden praises providers, expansion program to help low-income households

By Aamer Madhani

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden announced Monday that 20 internet companies have agreed to provide discounted service to people with low incomes, a program that could effectively make tens of millions of households eligible for free service through an already existing federal subsidy.

"High speed internet is not a luxury any longer. It's a necessity," Biden said at a White House Rose Garden event with representatives from participating companies and members of Congress in attendance.

The \$1 trillion infrastructure package passed by Congress last year included \$14.2 billion funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which provides \$30 monthly subsidies (\$75 in tribal areas) on internet service for millions of lower-income households.

With the new commitment from the internet providers, some 48 million house-

holds will be eligible for \$30 monthly plans for 100 megabits per second, or higher speed, service — making internet service fully paid for with government assistance if they sign up with one of the providers participating in the program.

Biden noted that families of four earning about \$55,000 annually — or those including someone eligible for Medicaid — will get a \$30 monthly credit, meaning about 40 percent of Americans will qualify.

"This is a case where big business stepped up. We're trying to get others to do the same thing," Biden said.

Advocates were optimistic.

"It might be a game-changer," said Marty Newell, coordinator for Rural Broadband Policy at the Center for Rural Strategies in Whitesburg, Ky., where he said slow internet has plagued residents and businesses alike.

Biden had made expanding internet access in rural and low-income areas a priority.

The internet companies that have agreed to lower their rates for eligible consumers

provide service in areas where 80% of the U.S. population, including 50% of the rural population, live, Biden said. Participating companies that offer service on tribal lands are providing \$75 rates in those areas, the equivalent of the federal government subsidy in those areas.

The participating providers are Allo Communications, AltaFiber (and Hawaiian Telecom), Altice USA (Optimum and Suddenlink), Astound, AT&T, Breezeline, Comcast, Comporium, Frontier, IdeaTek, Cox Communications, Jackson Energy Authority, MediaCom, MLGC, Spectrum (Charter Communications), Starry, Verizon (Fios only), Vermont Telephone Co., Vexus Fiber and Wow! Internet, Cable and TV.

Households are eligible for subsidies through the Affordable Connectivity Program if their income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, or if a member of their family participates in one of several programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Federal Public Housing Assistance, and Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit.

S&P hits lowest mark in a year as stocks sink

By Stan Choe and Alex Veiga

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks racked up more losses Monday on Wall Street, leaving the S&P 500 at its lowest point in more than a year.

The sell-off came as renewed worries about China's economy piled on top of global financial markets already battered by rising interest rates.

The S&P 500 gave up 3.2%, adding to its losses following its fifth consecutive weekly loss, its longest such streak in more than a decade.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 2% and the Nasdaq pulled back 4.3% as tech-oriented stocks again took the brunt of the sell-off. Monday's sharp drop leaves the S&P 500, Wall Street's main measure of health, down 16.8% from its record set early this year.

The sell-off followed a worldwide swoon for markets. Not only did stocks fall across Europe and much of Asia, but so did everything from old-economy crude oil to new-economy bitcoin. Bond yields and the price of gold also fell.

Among U.S. stocks, the energy sector accounted for some of the sharpest declines as energy prices fell. Marathon Oil and APA Corp. each sank more than 14%.

The S&P 500 fell 132.10 to 3,991.24. The Dow dropped 653.67 points to 32,245.70. The Nasdaq slid 521.41 points to 11,623.25.

Most of this year's damage has been the result of the Federal Reserve's aggressive turn away from doing everything it can to prop up financial markets and the economy. The central bank has already pulled its key short-term interest rate off its record low of near zero.

Last week, it signaled additional increases of double the usual amount may hit in upcoming months, in hopes of stamping out the high inflation sweeping the economy.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

HUD doubling eviction legal aid

WASHINGTON — The Department of Housing and Urban Development is doubling the size of its eviction protection program, designed to fund legal assistance for tenants seeking to stay in their homes.

The \$20 million HUD grant, which was announced Monday, will not provide direct rental relief; instead, it will fund legal services and representations for families facing eviction. The funds will be distributed through the Eviction Protection Grant Program to 11 nonprofit organizations and government entities, with grants ranging from \$1 million to \$2.4 million.

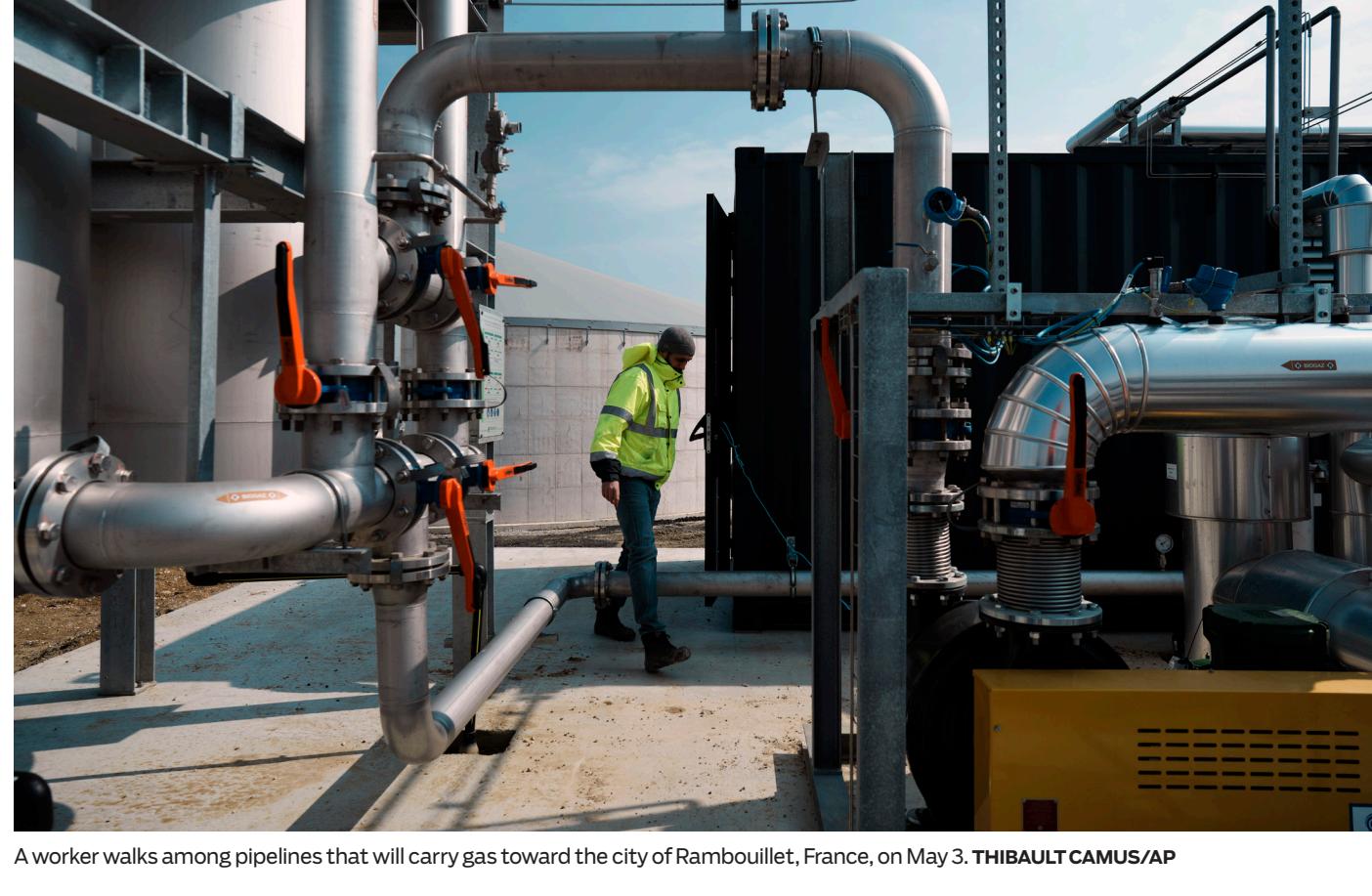
HUD launched the Eviction Protection Grant Program last November, with an original \$20 million awarded to 10 legal service providers.

Nigerian airlines feeling fuel pinch

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigeria's airlines say they are struggling to keep flying because the price of aviation fuel in the West African country has increased by 260%.

The country's six airlines said they will continue domestic and regional flights thanks to a pledge by federal government officials to engage institutions that will "provide succor" to the airlines to help offset their skyrocketing fuel prices which now constitute 95% of their operating costs, the airlines said in a statement.

International crude oil prices have increased 40% since January, due to a combination of factors including Russia's war in Ukraine. Despite being Africa's largest producer of crude oil, Nigeria imports most of its fuel because it has few refineries.



A worker walks among pipelines that will carry gas toward the city of Rambouillet, France, on May 3. THIBAULT CAMUS/AP

Fermenting a plan for energy

Farmers repurpose crops, waste to help Europe wean itself off Russian fossil fuels

By John Leicester and Frank Jordans
Associated Press

SONCHAMP, France — In lush fields southwest of Paris, farmers are joining Europe's fight to free itself from Russian gas.

They'll soon turn on the tap of a new facility where crops and agricultural waste are mashed up and fermented to produce "biogas." It's among energy solutions being promoted on the continent that wants to choke off funding for Russia's war in Ukraine by no longer paying billions for Russian fossil fuels.

Small rural gas plants that provide energy for hundreds or thousands of nearby homes aren't — at least anytime soon — going to supplant the huge flows to Europe of Russian gas that powers economies, factories, business and homes. And critics of using crops to make gas argue that farmers should be concentrating on growing food — especially when prices are soaring amid the fallout of the war in Ukraine, one of the

world's breadbaskets.

Still, biogas is part of the puzzle of how to reduce Europe's energy dependence.

The European Biogas Association says the European Union could quickly scale up production of bio-methane, which is pumped into natural gas networks. An investment of \$87.5 billion — which, at current market prices, is less than the EU's 27 nations pay per year to Russia for piped natural gas — would produce a tenfold increase in bio-methane production by 2030 and could replace about a fifth of what the bloc imported from Russia last year, the group says.

The farmers around the Paris-region village of Sonchamp feel their new gas plant will do its bit to untie Europe from the Kremlin.

"It's not coherent to go and buy gas from those people who are waging war on our friends," said Christophe Robin, one of the plant's six investors, who farms wheat, rapeseed, sugar beets and chickens.

"If we want to consume green (energy) and to avoid the flows and contribution of Russian gas, we don't really have a choice," he said.

Biogas is made by fermenting organic materials — generally crops and waste.

Robin likened the process to food left too long in a container.

"When you open it, it goes 'poof.' Only here, we don't open it. We collect the gas that comes from the fermentation," he said.

The gas from their plant could meet the needs of 2,000 homes. It will be purified into bio-methane and injected into a pipeline to the nearby town of Rambouillet, heating its hospital, swimming pool and homes.

Like in the rest of Europe, the production of bio-methane in France is still small. But it is booming. Almost three bio-methane production sites are going online every week in France on average and their numbers have surged from just 44 at the end of 2017 to 365 last year. The volume of gas they produced for the national network almost doubled in 2021 compared with 2020 and was enough for 362,000 homes.

France's government has taken steps to quicken bio-methane development since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24. The industry says bio-methane met almost 1% of France's needs in 2021 but that will increase to at least 2% this year and it could make up 20% of French gas consumption by 2030.

That's more gas than France imported last year from Russia.

Clearview AI settles suit over face database

By Kathleen Foody and Matt O'Brien
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Facial recognition startup Clearview AI has agreed to restrict the use of its massive collection of face images to settle allegations that it collected people's photos without their consent.

The company in a legal filing Monday agreed to permanently stop selling access to its face database to private businesses or individuals around the country, putting a limit on what it can do with its ever-growing trove of billions of images pulled from social media and elsewhere on the internet.

The settlement — which must be approved by a federal judge in Chicago — will end a 2-year-old lawsuit brought by the

American Civil Liberties Union and other groups over alleged violations of an Illinois digital privacy law.

Clearview is also agreeing to stop making its database available to Illinois state government and local police departments for five years.

The New York-based company will continue offering its services to federal agencies, such as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and to other law enforcement agencies and government contractors outside of Illinois.

"This is a huge win," said Linda Xochitl Tortolero, president of Chicago-based Mujeres Latinas en Accion, which works with survivors of gender-based violence and was a plaintiff in the case along with

the ACLU and other groups.

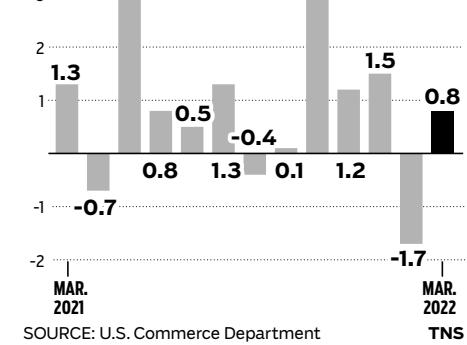
Among the concerns raised by Tortolero's group was that photos posted on social media sites such as Facebook or Instagram — and turned into a "faceprint" by Clearview — could end up being used by stalkers, ex-partners or predatory companies to track a person's whereabouts and social activity.

An attorney who was defending Clearview against the lawsuit said the company is "pleased to put this litigation behind it."

"The settlement does not require any material change in the company's business model or bar it from any conduct in which it engages at the present time," said a statement from Floyd Abrams, a lawyer known for taking on high-profile free speech cases.

Manufacturing orders

New orders of durable goods, monthly percent change, seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: U.S. Commerce Department

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BUSINESS

The air traffic control tower at the Felipe Angeles International Airport outside Mexico City. The opening of the new airport has led to concerns over airspace. **GINNETTE RIQUELME/AP**

Concerns over management of Mexico City airspace rise

By Christopher Sherman

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Pilots and airlines have expressed concerns over an increase in potentially dangerous incidents in Mexico City's airspace since it was redesigned to accommodate a second airport, including alerts that planes could crash unless action was taken.

They suggest air traffic controllers have been insufficiently trained to operate the newly configured airspace.

In the past year, there were at least 17 incidents of ground proximity warning system alerts for planes approaching Mexico City's Benito Juarez International Airport, according to a letter the International Air Transport Association, which represents some 290 airlines, wrote last week to the head of Mexican Airspace Navigation Services, the government agency responsible for managing the airspace.

"As you know, these alarms, without the quick action of the flight crew, can lead to a scenario

of controlled flight into terrain, CFIT, considered by the industry to be one of the highest risk indicators in operational safety, and with the highest accident rate, as well as fatalities," the letter said. The Mexican agency referred a request for comment to the transportation ministry Friday.

The following day, the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations issued a safety bulletin drawing attention to such incidents, as well as planes landing with very low fuel after being forced to circle unexpectedly and diversions to other airports because of excessive delays. It also cited "significant" ground proximity warning systems alerts, including a near collision.

The incidents follow the opening of the new Felipe Angeles International Airport north of Mexico's capital in March. "It would appear that with the opening of this newly converted airport, (air traffic control) has apparently received little training and support as to how to operate this new configuration in the airspace," the bulletin said.

Mexico's Communications and Transportation Department, which oversees air safety agencies, acknowledged that there had been one instance of a Ground Proximity Warning System, or GPWS, alert on a plane last June. But it said that was the only incident that was reported to authorities.

Both the pilots' federation and the International Air Transport Association noted that a factor in the incidents appeared to be air traffic controllers not using standard phraseology in their communications with flight crews. The association requested a meeting with Mexican aviation authorities as soon as possible.

There were concerns at that time that President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's plan to operate two airports simultaneously could create problems over the capital. The International Air Transport Association's letter said the incidents had been reported "since the implementation of the first phase of the redesign of the Mexico Valley airspace."

Less immigrant labor in US contributing to price hikes

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

Just 10 miles from the Rio Grande, Mike Helle's farm is so short of immigrant workers that he's replaced 450 acres of labor-intensive leafy greens with crops that can be harvested by machinery.

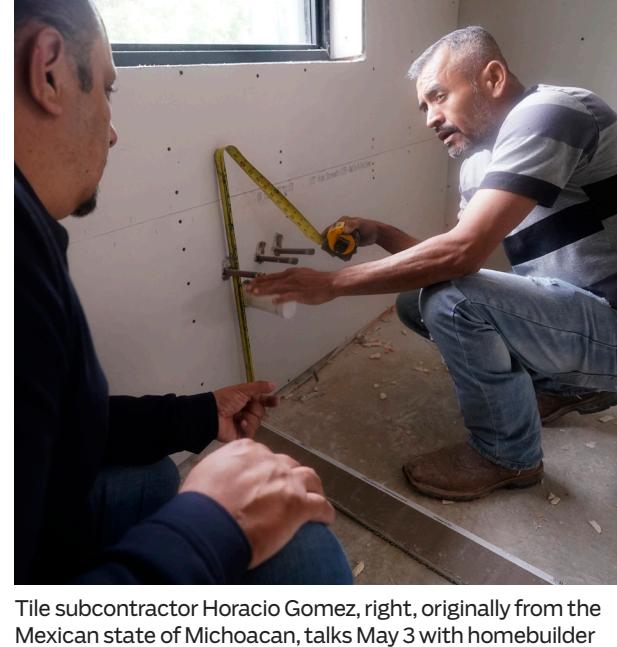
In Houston, Al Flores increased the price of his BBQ restaurant's brisket plate because the cost of the cut doubled due to meatpacking plants' inability to fully staff immigrant-heavy production lines. In the Dallas area, Joshua Correa raised prices on the homes his company builds by \$150,000 to cover increased costs stemming partly from a lack of immigrant labor.

After immigration to the United States tapered off during the Trump administration — then ground to a near complete halt for 18 months during the coronavirus pandemic — the country is waking up to a labor shortage partly fueled by that slowdown.

The U.S. has, by some estimates, 2 million fewer immigrants than it would have if the pace had stayed the same, helping power a desperate scramble for workers in many sectors, from meatpacking to homebuilding, that is also contributing to supply shortages and price increases.

"These 2 million missing immigrants are part of the reason we have a labor shortage," said Giovanni Peri, an economist at the University of California at Davis, who calculated the shortfall. "In the short run, we are going to adjust to these shortages in the labor market through an increase in wages and in prices."

The labor issues are among several contributors to the highest inflation in 40 years in the United States — from supply chains mangled by the pandemic to a surge



Tile subcontractor Horacio Gomez, right, originally from the Mexican state of Michoacan, talks May 3 with homebuilder Joshua Correa in Plano, Texas. **LM OTERO/AP**

in energy and commodity prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Steve Camarota, a researcher at the Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates for less immigration, believes a spike in illegal immigration under President Joe Biden will make up whatever shortfall lingers from the pandemic. He also contends wage increases in low-paying sectors like agriculture are minor contributors to inflation.

"I don't think wages going up is bad for the poor, and I think mathematically it is not possible to drive down inflation by limiting wages at the bottom," Camarota told The Associated Press.

Immigration is rapidly returning to its pre-pandemic levels, researchers say, but the U.S. would need a significant acceleration to make up its deficit. Given a sharp decline in births in the United States over the past two decades, some economists forecast the overall pool of potential workers will start shrinking by 2025.

The immigrant worker shortage comes as the U.S. political system is showing less of an appetite for increasing immigration. Democrats — who control all branches of the federal government and more recently have been the party more friendly to immigration — haven't tried to advance major legislation permitting more new residents to the country. A recent Gallup poll showed worries about illegal immigration at a two-decade high. With a tough election for their party looming in November, Democrats are increasingly divided about the Biden administration's attempt to end pandemic-related restrictions on seeking asylum.

"At some point we either decide to become older and smaller or we change our immigration policy," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, an economist and former official in President George W. Bush's administration who is president of the center-right American Action Forum.

He acknowledged a change in immigration policy is unlikely: "The bases of both parties are so locked in."

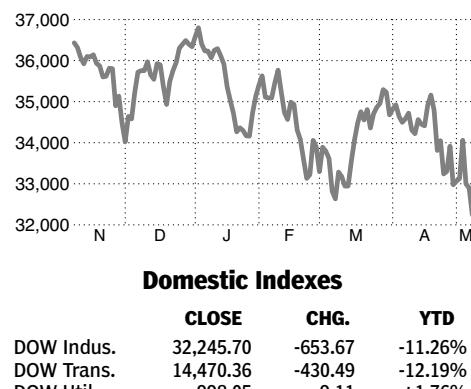
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METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,857.10	1,881.20	+1.62%
Silver (oz)	21.78	22.33	-6.63%

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S&P 500	3,991.24	-132.10	-16.26%
S&P 400	2,396.94	-84.01	-15.66%
Wilshire 5000	39,586.54	-1,470.92	-18.31%
Russell 2000	1,762.08	-77.48	-21.52%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG.	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG.
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	12.52	-1.24	-54.0	Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	196.21	-7.56	-41.7
AT&T Inc (T)	19.55	-.48	-20.5	MetLife Inc (MET)	65.64	-1.40	+5.0
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	86.36	-8.98	-40.0	Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	264.58	-10.15	-21.3
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.32	-1.52	-9.1	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.08	-.12	-79.3
Amphenol Corp (APH)	69.09	-1.33	-21.0	Novartis AG (NVS)	83.48	-2.34	-4.6
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.59	-.18	-15.7	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	169.50	-17.25	-42.4
Apple Inc (AAPL)	152.06	-5.22	-14.4	Occid Petl (OXY)	57.84	-.70	+99.5
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Barrick Gold (GOLD)	21.49	-.93	+13.1	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	48.64	-.40	-17.6
Better Therapeutics (BTTX)	2.19	+.31	-52.9	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.73	-.07	-28.7
Blue Water Vaccines (BWV)	5.42	+.166	-90.6	Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	16.63	-2.78	-41.1
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2033.57	-170.66	-15.7	Prudential Finl (PRU)	105.11	-1.57	-2.9
Brist My Sqb (BMY)	76.27	-.40	+22.3	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	69.06	-.37	+3.5
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	98.86	-.183	-4.2	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.75	-3.55	+6.6
Carnival Corp (CCL)	14.14	-.78	-29.7	Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	22.78	-.61	-78.0
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	38.13	+.35	-29.7	Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.00	-.65	-4
Charter Communic (CHTR)	463.67	+.93	-28.9	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	60.37	-2.03	-26.4
Cigna Corp (CI)	261.41	-.549	-13.8	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	23.39	-.153	-50.3
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	39.76	-.24	-21.0	Society Pass Inc (SOPA)	2.39	+.50	-77.0
Disney (DIS)	106.98	-.31	-30.9	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.97	-.47	-62.2
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	103.52	-.251	-18.7	Square Inc (SQ)	83.86	-12.33	-48.1

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COMMENTARY

'Grace and Frankie' deserved better send-off

At 7 seasons, show became Netflix's longest running

By Mary McNamara
Los Angeles Times

Marta Kauffman's Netflix series "Grace and Frankie" recently came to an end, and I don't think we are making a big enough deal over this.

Still sticking with its signature binge model, Netflix is not and never has been about finales, just as it has never been about premieres. After a brief moment in the sun of "Trending on Netflix," each subsequent season of every show is simply shoved into the streamer's overstuffed library, neither celebrated nor mourned.

"Grace and Frankie," which stars Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin and became, in absolutely related news, the streamer's longest running show, deserved something better, something special.

For seven years, anyone with a Netflix password could spend hours watching two of Hollywood's most brilliant performers nail first-class comedic banter and soul-raking revelations.

As women forced into friendship and second chapters when their law-partner husbands divorce them to marry each other, Fonda and Tomlin set a whole new and very high standard for the buddy comedy. The only person alive who can hit a one-liner as perfectly as Fonda is Tomlin. Together, they are a nail-gun symphony of hilariously ruthless repartee.

And if that weren't enough, those ex-husbands-turned-husbands are played by Martin Sheen and Sam Waterston, with June Diane Raphael, Brooklyn



Lily Tomlin, left, as Frankie and Jane Fonda as Grace star in Marta Kauffman's series "Grace and Frankie." NETFLIX

Decker, Ethan Embry and Baron Vaughn playing the grown-up (and more than slightly messed-up) kids. And we haven't even gotten started on the midlife aspirational wardrobe choices or the Nancy Meyers-worthy interiors.

Grace (Fonda) and Frankie (Tomlin) aren't out to save the world or reveal any grand conspiracy (other than society's insistence that women older than 70 should have the decency to quietly fade into the wallpaper). So maybe the show did not warrant the kind of media crescendo that preceded the end of "Game of Thrones" (I mean, look how that turned out). But surely Netflix could have conjured a catalog of quasi-caftans and exquisite white button-downs, or a national Old Broads Appreciation Day, or a Grace and Frankie Beach House Collection at Nordstrom. I don't know; something.

Interrupted mid-production by the COVID-19 pandemic, the seventh and final season of "Grace and Frankie" was delivered in two parts. The first four episodes debuted in August 2021, the last 12 on April 29. This at least gave fans time to pause and consider. To break out the yam-scented candles and extra-large martini glasses and pray that neither Frankie nor Grace would die in the finale, because that would make the possibility of, say, a movie sequel pretty small. (Hey, it worked for "Cagney & Lacey," which had at least four follow-up movies after the series was canceled.)

Having dispensed in the first season with the women's angry despair over being dumped and settled, by the second, into their acknowledged if still mutually exasperated friendship, "Grace and Frankie" took its cues less from "The Odd Couple" and more from "I

Love Lucy" — if Desi and Fred had gotten married, leaving Lucy and Ethel free to discover themselves outside the confines, and safety, of marriage.

As the series evolved, so did the zaniness. In the finale episodes, Frankie and Grace take a trip to Mexico, but even that storyline animates a sober truth about the lack of affordable medication, particularly for seniors.

Just as "I Love Lucy" became the first show to feature pregnancy and childbirth, "Grace and Frankie" dealt with topics that television — and American culture — too often either ignores or addresses with apologetic solicitude. Grace and Frankie build a business based on vaginal dryness (treated by Frankie's yam lube). They start a second business in motorized toilet seats after Grace has a fall that leaves her unable to rise from a seated

position without help.

As Sol (Waterston) and Robert (Sheen) settled into the subplot of long-deferred, sweetly amazed and slightly crotchety marital bliss, Grace and Frankie had lovers and love interests who were depicted with the same range of passion and awkwardness you might see on a young adult comedy. Sex is wonderful and absurd at any age.

As is friendship, which is the crux of the show. The arc of the series is not two women learning how to survive betrayal and divorce, or even two women helping each other achieve independence. It's about two women finding in their friendship what was missing from their marriages — unconditional love and unwavering support. (OK, mostly unwavering; you are not going to make seven seasons of a show about friendship without having it waver a few times.)

It's not a new theme — Kauffman co-created a show called "Friends" that explored similar relationships — but watching these two women learn to love each other and themselves, including all the ugly bits, remains a revelation. That they did so at a time of life when by most measures of television, film and society, female characters should content themselves with slowly expiring in a haze of sage advice and adorable stubbornness — well, it's enough to give a person hope.

By the final season, the main characters are approaching their 80s (just a few years behind the people who play them), so it is not surprising that Kauffman and her team decided to bring death and loss to the forefront. Fonda, Tomlin, Sheen and Waterston all look good for their ages (some helped out more extensively by cosmetic surgery than others) and appear to be in excellent health. But bodies age, mortality looms, and "Grace and Frankie" takes the same approach to those human experiences as it did to vaginal dryness: reality acknowledged, but sweetened with humor and resilience.

I wouldn't dream of spoiling the show's finale except to say it is one of the better finales I've seen, and not just because Dolly Parton shows up for a brief and hallowed "9 to 5" reunion. It ends, as it began, with love. Some pain too, but mostly love and out of love, possibility.

With any luck, someone will get working on those movie sequels right away. If not, it's worth going back to the beginning and starting again, if only to watch Fonda and Tomlin show us how it's done.

CELEBRITIES

Ncuti Gatwa next 'Doctor Who' star

From news services

Ncuti Gatwa will take the mantle from Jodie Whittaker on "Doctor Who," the BBC announced Sunday, ending speculation over the iconic Time Lord's next regeneration.

"This role and show means so much to so many around the world, including myself, and each one of my incredibly talented predecessors has handled that unique responsibility and privilege with the utmost care. I will endeavor my utmost to do the same," Gatwa said in the release.

Gatwa also stars in Netflix's high school comedy-drama "Sex Education" as Eric Effiong.

Gatwa, 29, will be the first Black actor to helm the British sci-fi show "Doctor Who." ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP 2021



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the original series, which ran on ABC from 1988 to 1993. A new version premiered last fall.

Roach's win streak snapped: The latest long-time champ on "Jeopardy!" saw her winning streak end at 23. Mattea Roach, a tutor from Toronto, earned \$560,983 during her run on the game show. She now has one of the five longest winning streaks in "Jeopardy!" history.

Danielle Maurer, a marketing manager from Peachtree Corners, Georgia, beat Roach on Friday's show by a margin of \$15,600 to \$15,599.

Roach went into the final question with the lead Friday. But the Final Jeopardy question was about the name of Atlanta's airport, right near where Maurer lived.

The category was USA, and the clue was: "These two mayors gave their names to a facility built on the site of an old race-track owned by Coca-Cola magnate Asa Candler."

The correct response was: "Who are William Hartsfield and Maynard Jackson?"

Roach was wrong. Maurer was right, and she bet enough to win.

Roach will return to compete in the game show's Tournament of Champions this fall.

'Doctor Strange 2' has biggest opening of 2022: "Doctor Strange and the Multiverse of Madness" grossed an estimated \$185 million in ticket sales in its first weekend in U.S. and Canadian theaters, the Walt Disney Co. said Sunday. "Doctor Strange" is also the biggest opener of the year, ahead of "The Batman's" \$134 million; the second biggest of the pandemic, behind "Spider-Man: Far From Home's" \$260.1 million; and the sixth biggest of all time globally. Internationally, it has earned an estimated \$265 million since opening Wednesday. In total, "Doctor Strange 2" has already made \$450 million.

May 10 birthdays: Singer Henry Fambrough is 84. Singer Donovan is 76.

Sportscaster Chris Berman is 67. Actor Victoria Rowell is 63. Singer Bono is 62.

Actor Darryl M. Bell is 59. Model Linda Evangelista is 57. Actor Erik Palladino is 54. Actor Andrea Anders is 47. Actor Kenan Thompson is 44. Actor Lauren Potter is 32.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Big sister wonders how to fix flawed sibling

Dear Amy: My younger sister is 54. She has been divorced three times and has a teenage daughter.

Both of our parents are deceased. My sister currently has a nice boyfriend she has lived with for a few years.

The issue is that she cannot seem to keep a job for longer than a year. She has been terminated from at least six jobs (that I can count) in the last 10 years.

Although she blames others for these terminations, it is obvious that she is the problem.

I want to discuss this with her without her getting defensive.

I am comfortably retired and always feel somewhat guilty about her financial problems. I've had people tell me not to worry about her, because she always lands on her feet.

One therapist told me: "Not my monkey, not my circus," which helped for a few years — but every time she loses another job my heart sinks.

Any suggestions on how to help her realize that she is the common denominator when it comes to losing these good jobs?

— Worried Older Sister

Dear Worried: My inexpert observation is that often within a family system, the people who might benefit the most from therapy are the least likely to seek it, while those around them seek professional help for how to manage the challenges of the troubled relationship.

I would not use the terminology your therapist used, but I do agree with the thinking behind it.

It is natural for you to want to take care of your

younger sister. You probably absorbed this very basic lesson in childhood.

However, your sister is not asking to be taken care of. She is not asking to be "fixed." And you not only want to try to fix her, but you'd also like to control her reaction to your efforts.

She likely believes that if the rest of the world would only line up and play fair with her, then she would receive the credit she believes she deserves.

However, if she currently enjoys a stable and positive home life, then she is a success along the most important metric by which human beings can be measured. Her partner is a nice guy who presumably loves her, her daughter is growing, and she has a caring older sister. She is likely crafty and resourceful in that she lands on her feet after every failure. All good!

If your sister ever asks you for your perspective, you should offer it.

Until that day, relax into your big sister role and accept your flawed but scrappy younger sister, just as she is.

Dear Amy: Sometimes, when my husband and I fight, it's because I've been clumsy and done or said something impolite.

He responds in kind, and then insists on an apology, which I give.

But when I ask him to apologize for his unkind reaction to my behavior, he says, "You started it, so I don't need to apologize."

That is how all of our fights end: With him getting an apology and me getting nothing. Do you agree that the person who "started it" should never

receive any apology? — One-sided

Dear One-sided: None of what you two do would be considered "fighting fair." This seems more like score-settling than mature adults offering sincere apologies.

If you two were in kindergarten and you deliberately hit your husband with a ball, and then he picked it up and hit you right back, a teacher would ask you both to apologize to one another, because you've both done something you shouldn't have done that has hurt the other.

But apologies, forgiveness and reconciliation are not points on a protractor.

You two should not only settle scores, but actually attempt to reconcile and rebalance. And this man who values apologies so much should learn how to offer one.

Dear Amy: "Snacked" wrote to you about her husband's refusal to offer their grandchild healthy snacks. I loved this line: "Kids ... can happily eat broccoli trees dipped in yogurt — until Mr. Oreo comes to town."

But don't you think parents take this "healthy snacking" thing a little too far?

— Wondering

Dear Wondering: Anything can be taken too far. But overall — I think this "healthy snacking" trend is an extremely positive step.

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Powerful French abortion drama lands in US

Filmmaker Diwan made 'Happening' to ask questions, not give answers

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

It's 1963 in France, and Anne is an ambitious, 23-year-old college student who becomes pregnant. She doesn't want to be. She's not ready to be a mother. But abortion isn't legal in the country and won't be for another 12 years. In the new film "Happening," Anne must find a solution on her own, though that choice also means risking her life and freedom.

"Happening" is based on a true story. It belongs to author Annie Ernaux, who published her account of the traumatic experience in 2001. Forty years after the fact, Ernaux's frank and honest memories of the unwanted pregnancy, the isolation, the fear and her determination struck a chord even though the procedure had then been legal in France for over 25 years.

The film adaptation recently opened in North American theaters with a renewed urgency around access to abortion.

A recent report suggested the U.S. Supreme Court could be poised to overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade case that legalized abortion in the United States. The leaked draft opinion would allow individual states to more heavily regulate or outright ban the procedure.

Diwan said that she didn't make the film to give answers but to ask questions. Though it's technically a period piece, she was keenly aware that she was also making something that met the moment by putting the audience in the shoes of her working class protagonist.

"When I read the book, I had the feeling that it was a kind of intense thriller,"



"Happening" star Anamaria Vartolomei, left, and writer-director Audrey Diwan are seen April 20 in New York. The film, set in 1960s France, is based on the experience of author Annie Ernaux, who published her story in 2001. ANDY KROPA/INVISON

said writer-director Audrey Diwan in a recent interview. "I wanted the movie to be a physical experience — not a political manifesto but a true cinematic experience."

She didn't want the camera to show Anne. She wanted the camera to be Anne. And she needed an actor who could throw herself into the role physically and emotionally, who could convey a world of feelings with just a look and who would be an intellectual partner in the process.

When French-Romanian actor Anamaria Vartolomei walked into the audition and dove into a candid conversa-

tion about the nudity that would be required, Diwan knew she'd found someone special.

"I thought, she has something in common with Anne," Diwan said. "There's a determination."

Determination might even be an understatement. When Vartolomei, now 23, got the script from her agent she told herself, "This will be my part. I will let no other actor do it."

Still, she was grateful for the extra time that COVID-19 lockdowns provided.

She studied the '60s and watched films that Diwan recommended, like the Dardennes' "Rosetta," Laszlo Nemes' "Son of

Saul" and Darren Aronofsky's "Black Swan," all of which helped inform various aspects of the character.

Much of Anne's journey is a silent one — the word abortion isn't even uttered in the film (nor is it in the book). To help her actor, Diwan came up with some interior monologues, words and sentences that Vartolomei could repeat in her head that would help get her in the right mindset before filming particular scenes.

"The further she goes, the more paranoid she becomes," Vartolomei said. "She's so afraid of being caught. Everything becomes more interior. She

is a soldier, and she has to lead an inner war and stay focused on her goal."

Then there are the several scenes in which Anne experiences massive pain. They get more intense as the story and pregnancy progress. To help bring Anne's discomfort to light, Vartolomei used an earpiece with a tick-tock sound. Not only did it help her feel disoriented and irritated for the scenes, but it also became a sort of physical manifestation of time running out with this "bomb" growing inside her.

These scenes are no doubt harrowing, but Diwan trusts the audience to choose for themselves

how much they want to watch and if they need a break while doing so.

"Annie Ernaux, when she writes, she doesn't look away, so I can't look away," Diwan said. "I wanted the film to feel immersive, but I didn't want the audience to feel trapped."

The film was hard to get made, and Diwan's greatest fear was that it wouldn't be seen. She needn't have worried, though, since the day after "Happening" won the top prize at the Venice Film Festival from a jury that included Oscar-winning directors Bong Joon-ho and Chloe Zhao, she got word that it would be shown to audiences around the world.

It's been a breakout moment for Vartolomei, who has been working as an actor in France since she was 10. "Happening" has helped put her on another level, not just as an adult actor but as one with global potential. She would like to do films in her native Romania and in Hollywood, too. After the film won at Venice, Vartolomei signed with the powerful talent agency CAA and already there are some exciting things in the works that she can't yet talk about publicly. She's a little anxious her English isn't strong enough yet, but she's working on it.

For the past several months, she and Diwan have been on a nonstop circuit with the film. And every screening invites new, interesting conversations, especially in countries where abortion rights are being challenged. They've heard intimate stories from women who have gone through the same thing as Anne and testimonies from both sexes who've said they've reconsidered their stance on the issue after seeing the film.

"Women can finally talk about it without fearing being understood and heard," Vartolomei said. "I'm happy and proud to be part of this change."

TV Q&A

Will 'American Rust' continue?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: Is "American Rust" ever going to continue? There were so many cliffhangers left.

A: And hanging they remain. Showtime decided not to continue the series beyond its first season. While he admired it, TV critic Rob Owen on Trib live.com noted that critics as a whole had not reacted well to the show (which has a 27% rating on Rotten Tomatoes) and that there was "a decided lack of buzz surrounding the series."

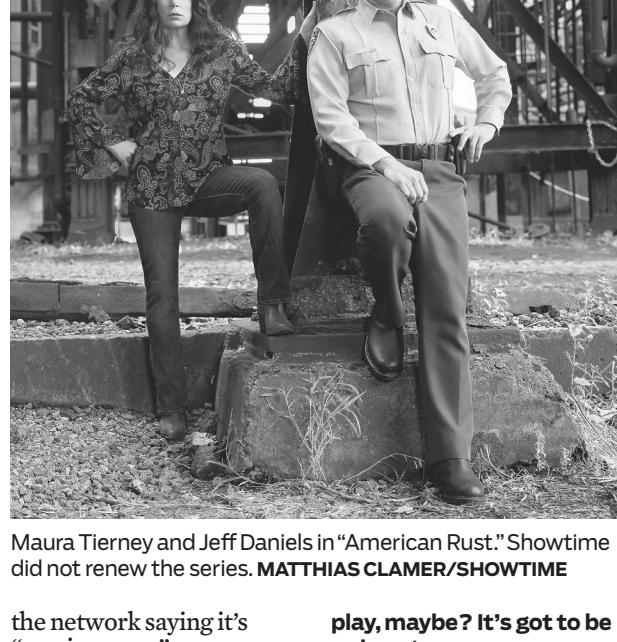
Q: My husband and I don't normally like sitcoms. But we fell in love with "Ghosts." And then when it was followed by "B Positive," I liked it even more than "Ghosts." So, what happened to it?

A: "B Positive" has completed its second season on CBS. There's no official word at this writing about a third season, although the show's makers have plans. Executive producer Chuck Lorre told TVLine that "there is the hope for a season three exploring a genuine relationship between Gina and Drew. There are (still going to be) life-and-death issues that are inevitable among the residents of Valley Hills ... and we also have built in this ongoing, cutthroat competition with Golden Horizons, this threat from a corporate entity."

As for "Ghosts," it has already been renewed for a second season in 2022-23.

Q: Can you tell me when "His Dark Materials" and "Westworld" will come back on HBO?

A: A third season of "His Dark Materials" is in production, HBO said not long ago, but no airdate was mentioned. There's also no date yet for the fourth season of "Westworld" beyond



Maura Tierney and Jeff Daniels in "American Rust." Showtime did not renew the series. MATTHIAS CLAMER/SHOWTIME

the network saying it's "coming soon."

Q: My wife and I have discovered Netflix and have been able to watch four years of "Chicago Fire." Recently I saw a "Chicago Fire" episode elsewhere, and I think I saw it was from year 10 of the series. Can you tell us if Netflix will eventually put on more episodes?

A: I don't know if Netflix will get more, but telecasts of the NBC series sprawl across broadcast, cable and streaming. Episodes from the 10 seasons of "Chicago Fire" so far are on NBC-related Peacock (which has free and fee-based versions) and the first eight seasons are on the free, ad-supported streaming service Freevee. You can also find some episodes from the current 10th season on Hulu.

Q: I found my old MP3 player loaded with songs I love, and one was "It's Easy for You," which Elvis Presley did on one of his albums. Where did it originate? Was it written for Andrew Lloyd Webber?

play, maybe? It's got to be a show tune.

A: You were on the right track. The song was by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, but it was not from a show. Instead, it was a stand-alone song whose first recording was reportedly on "Moody Blue," the last Elvis album released in his lifetime.

Q: In the late '80s or early '90s, I saw a miniseries on PBS starring Miranda Richardson as a mother whose children are kidnapped by terrorists. Can you please tell me the name of the series and where it's available?

A: It appears you are remembering "Die Kinder," or "The Children," a 1990 miniseries starring Richardson and Frederic Forrest. My search has not turned up a place to see it today.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

You might feel far more confident than usual today. This is a great time to update how you present yourself. However, you could find yourself tripping over your tongue while you try to explain your ideas. You have time to get the details right.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Money or other treasures might turn up in unexpected places today. You may uncover something important at the moment you need it. A discovery like this can restore your faith that life is looking out for you. This quiet confidence could be the most important reward of all.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Reinventing yourself might be difficult, but understanding friends can make what you're going through easier. While you may feel like many people don't understand the things that are important to you, having support from those who do can give you the confidence you need.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Professional progress may be possible for you, but you need to be careful about who hears. Though you likely have reason to be excited, resist the temptation to tell your friends right away. The final story might still be taking shape. The necessary knowledge should be revealed in time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Opportunities to use your practical skills could present themselves. Though you may be busy, the more rewarding tasks are probably worth it. However, sorting out the bureaucratic details can be frustrating. Try to be patient with any processes involving taxes or insurance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Misunderstandings could pop up for you today. Thankfully, you're equipped to get yourself out of whatever trouble arises by doing something fun or entertaining. The people you're dealing with probably want to be cheered up more than they want to stay mad, so focus on delivering a good time.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Making your home comfortable may be a high priority for you today. Keep in mind that you might also be able to do more with what you already have before you go on any shopping sprees. A thorough cleaning can help you get a sense of the space you're working with.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Running errands can be a lot of fun today. Seeing a new neighborhood in your city could be totally exciting because you may find yourself noticing parks, restaurants, stores and more things that you'd like to explore. If you're able to chat with people while you're out, all the better!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Healthy confidence might be the most important ingredient in your recipe for financial success. What you have personal control over is how you think about things. When you look at what you have with an optimistic view instead of catastrophizing, you can use your resources wisely.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France.

In 1922, a 39-day-old standoff between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem ended with 13 suspected militants flown into exile and 26 released.

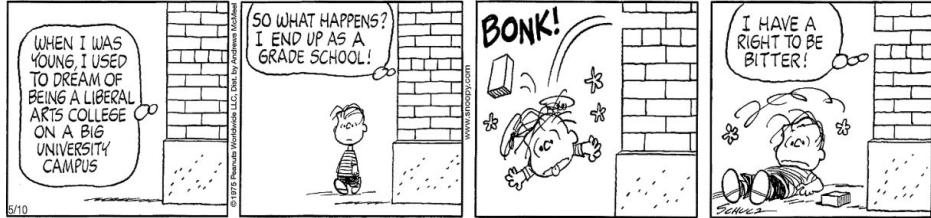
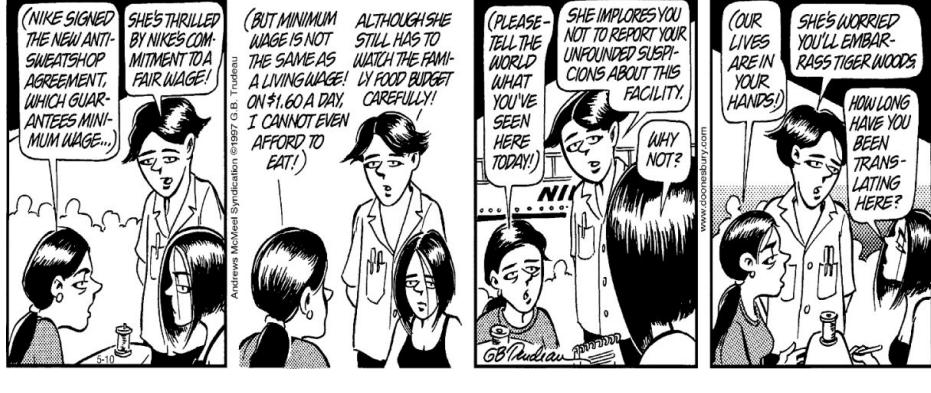
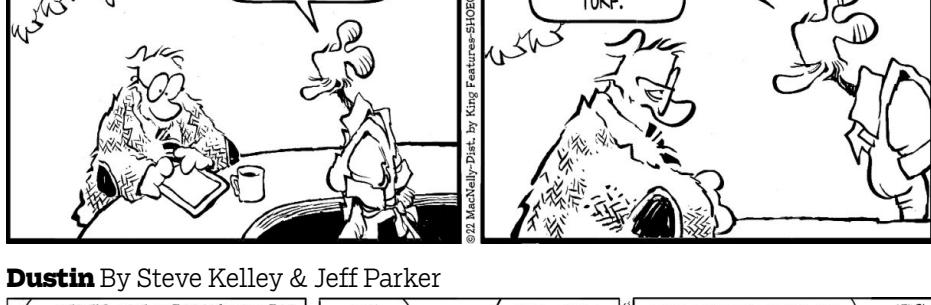
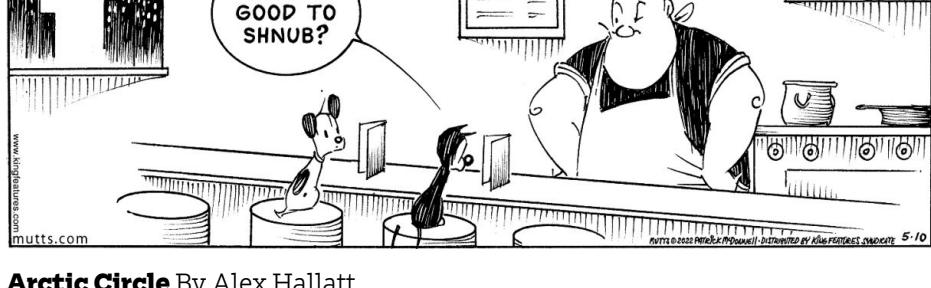
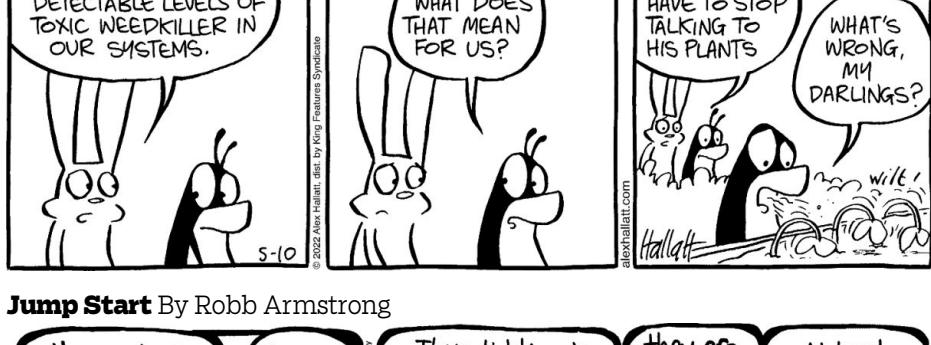
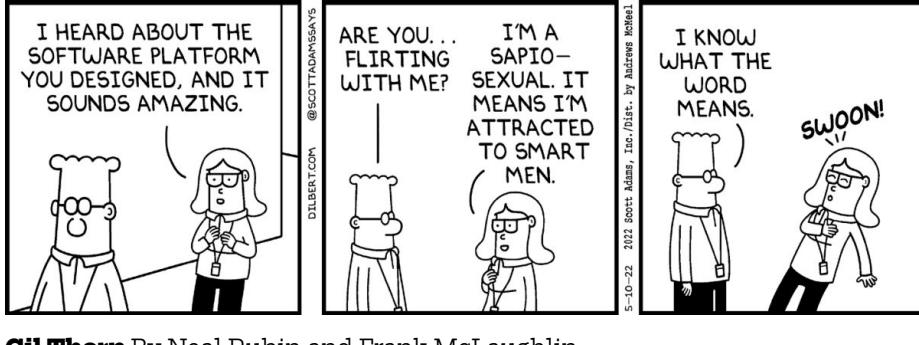
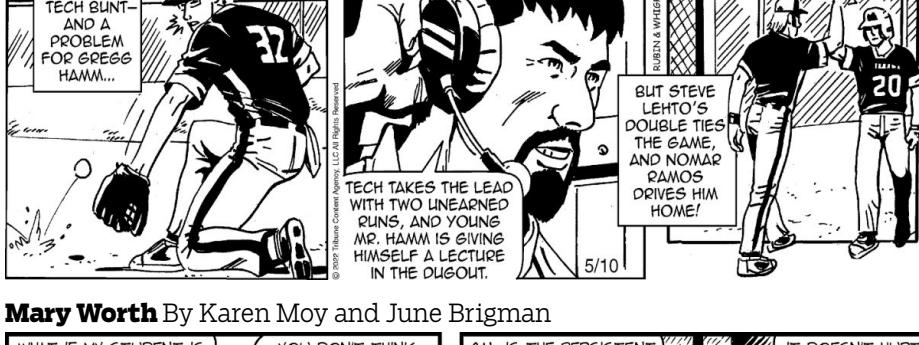
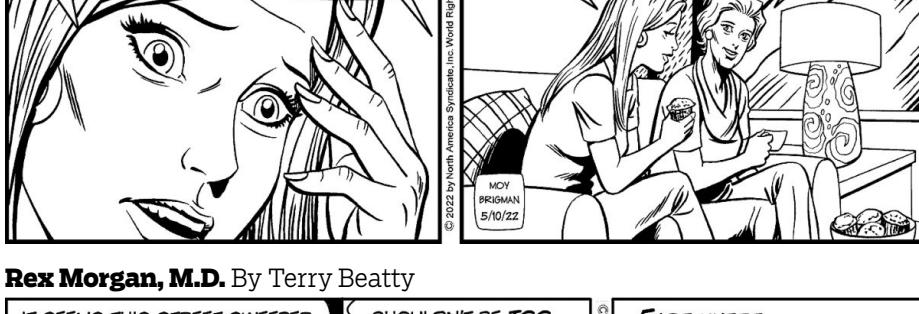
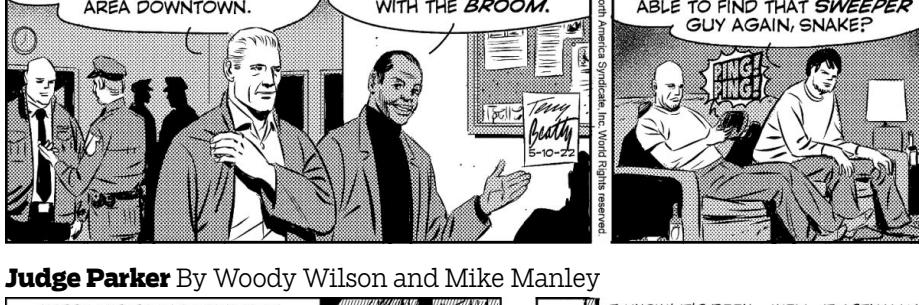
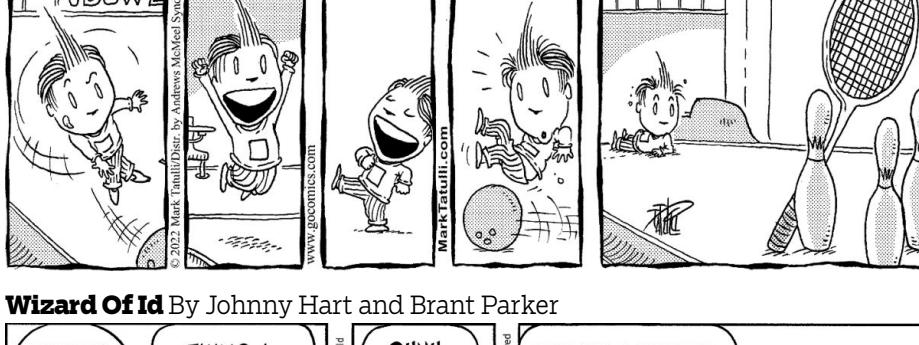
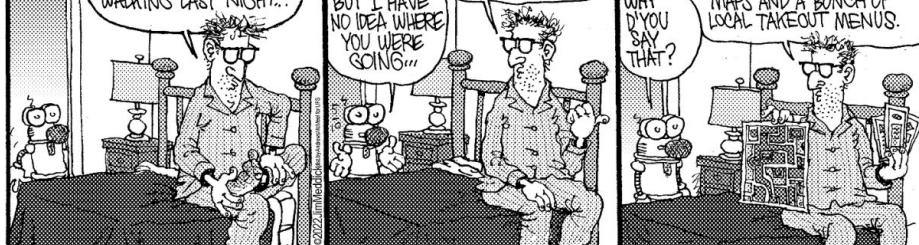
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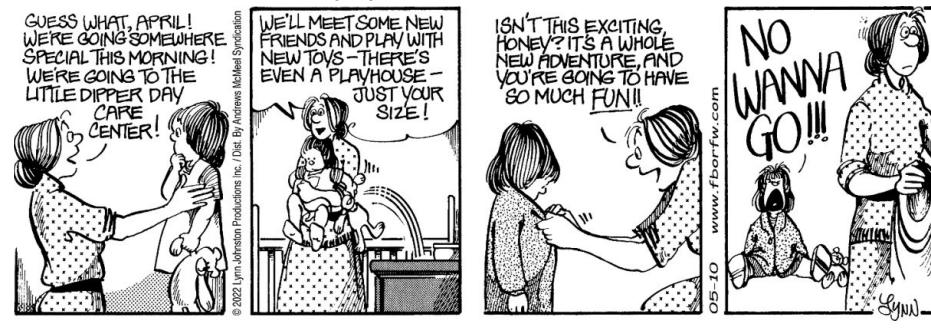
TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 10, 1818, Paul Revere died in Boston.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz**Classic Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau**Garfield** By Jim Davis**Shoe** By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly**Dustin** By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell**Arctic Circle** By Alex Hallatt**Jump Start** By Robb Armstrong**Get Fuzzy** By Darby Conley**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall**Dilbert** By Scott Adams**Gil Thorp** By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin**Mary Worth** By Karen Moy and June Brigman**Rex Morgan, M.D.** By Terry Beatty**Judge Parker** By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley**Baldo** By Cantu and Castellanos**Funky Winkerbean** By Tom Batiuk**Lio** By Mark Tatulli**Wizard Of Id** By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker**Rhymes With Orange** By Hilary Price**Monty** By Jim Meddick

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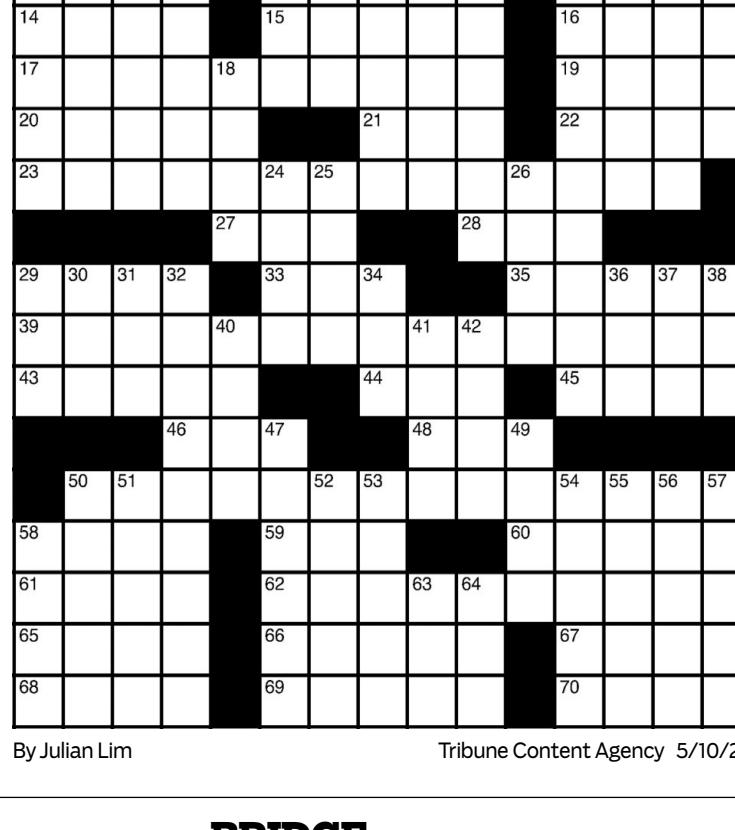
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Across

- 1 "High Voltage" band
5 Sprang
10 Neaten (up)
14 Cry out loud
15 Lauder of makeup
16 Inkling
17 "In my uninformed opinion..."
19 Russian dynast
20 Not prohibited
21 Biennial games gp.
22 Word with fall or fill
23 *Challenge to someone suspected of lying
27 Western defense gp.
28 "queen!": "Work it!"
29 Nowhere to be found
33 Member of the fam
35 Absorb with bread, as gravy
39 Marvin Gaye classic, and a hint to the last words of the answers to the starred clues
43 Long-stemmed mushroom
44 Director Lee
45 Like gloomy skies
46 Monarch's reign, e.g.
48 Cellist's need
50 *Become a better person, say
58 ___ jockey
59 Satisfied sigh
60 "You win"
61 On the ocean
- 62 *Thoroughly refute
65 Entry point
66 More loyal
67 Black-eyed ___
68 Celebrity chef Burrell
69 Twisted fabric
70 Eyelid bump
- 10 "Grease," for one
11 "My take is ..."
12 "Reading in the Dark" Booker Prize nominee Seamus
13 Three feet
18 Baby-voiced red Muppet
24 Lack of difficulty
25 "just me ...?"
26 Sunup direction
29 Elastic bandage brand
30 Looking sickly
31 Artist Yoko
32 "Whatever!"
34 Barnyard bleat
36 Part of wpm
37 Can. neighbor
38 Future analyst's maj.
40 Lass

Down

- 1 "Where there's ___ ..."
2 Typical Stan Lee role
3 Wild dog of Australia
4 Dagger's partner
5 Supervillain Luthor
6 Second sight, for short
7 Dined at home
8 1990s presidential candidate
9 Easy to set off
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By Julian Lim

Tribune Content Agency 5/10/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.**NORTH**♠ J 6
♥ 4
♦ A K 9 3
♣ A 9 7 6 5 2**WEST**♠ Q 8 7 2
♥ J 8 7 5 2
♦ 6
♣ K J 3**EAST**♠ Q 9 4
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ Q 10**SOUTH**♠ A 10 5 3
♥ A K Q
♦ J 10 5 2
♣ 8 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♡ Pass

2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass

3 NT Opening lead — five of hearts.

Haste makes waste

Bridge is, first and foremost, a game of probabilities. Certain bids are made rather than other bids because they figure to produce the best results in the long run. A certain line of play is adopted because it has a greater chance of success than an alternative approach.

Today's deal provides a case in point, North-South arrived at three notrump, and West led a heart.

Declarer won and could count seven sure tricks — a spade, three hearts, two diamonds and a club.

A finesse was available in diamonds, and if West had the queen, nine tricks would be there for the taking.

So South led the jack of diamonds at trick two and let it ride. East won with the queen and returned a heart, and declarer was now in deep trouble. He had no way of establishing a ninth trick before the opponents could collect five, and he finished down one.

In effect, South gave himself about a 50% chance — the probability that

West had the diamond queen. But before attempting the diamond finesse, he should have asked himself whether another approach was available that might improve his chances. This might have led him to consider the possibility of trying to establish dummy's clubs, a move that was, percentagewise, far better than the one he chose.

All that is needed to establish three extra club tricks is a 3-2 division of the missing clubs — a 68% probability. Furthermore, if the clubs fail to divide, he still has the diamond finesse in reserve, giving him better than an 80% chance of success all told.

In the actual deal, South would duck a club at trick two, win the presumed heart return and lead a club to the ace. When the suit broke normally, he would concede a club to West's king and finish with 10 tricks without breaking a sweat.

Tomorrow: It pays to be pessimistic.**JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

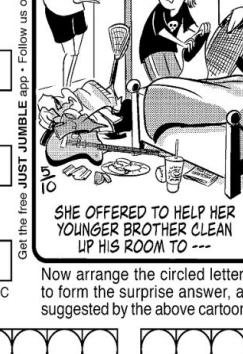
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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XIYTS

LHNIEA

MSUREM

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FIGHT FINCH CELERY ABSORB

Answer: The business bird found the perfect location in the tree for her — BRANCH OFFICE

TODAY'S SUDOKU

4	3	7	1					
				4	5			
1			4					
7	6	9	4					
				6	2			
2	8	4	9					
9		5						
3	2							
5	1	8	3					

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

A	R	O	S	D	A	R	I	D	E
L	O	O	P	Y	A	B	E	N	W
B	U	F	F	T	B	U	F	W	E
S	T	S	W	E	T	T	I	P	K
Y	E	N	S	U	I	S	M	E	
H	E	A	D	S	T	O	N	E	
S	P	E	A	R	C	I	T	S	
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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Charting the future

A look ahead at classes of 2023 and 2024 targets with ESPN's Paul Biancardi

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

This offseason, the UConn men's basketball staff has been busy on the recruiting trail to add to their class of 2023 and 2024 commits.

Currently, the Huskies have one commit, Stephon Castle from Georgia. Castle is a 6-foot-6 combo guard ranked No. 54 in the class of 2023 ESPN Top-100.

Including Castle, UConn has

offered scholarships to 13 players in the class of 2023 and three in the class of 2024, according to 247sports. Although not listed, Scotty Middleton has also been offered.

Three players offered have committed elsewhere: James Johns Jr. to Fairfield, Simeon Wilcher to North Carolina and Mackenzie Mgbako to Duke. Justin Edwards released a top five, but the Huskies didn't crack the list. The

rest are still considering UConn. UConn head coach Dan Hurley, associate head coach Kimani Young, assistant coach Tom Moore and assistant coach Luke Murray constantly review video of players before making an offer.

"It's collaborative among the four of us when we watch film," Moore said. "Nowadays, because the recruiting live periods are so

Turn to UConn, Page 5



UConn coach Dan Hurley has his sights set on a number of guards and wings in the 2023 and 2024 recruiting classes — and also a few bigs.

NICK WASS/AP

**YANKEES 1,
RANGERS 0**

Cortes shuts down Rangers

By Ronald Blum

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nestor Cortes may be the least-heralded top starting pitcher in the major leagues.

The New York Yankees left-hander was five outs from a no-hitter when he threw his 103rd pitch, and No. 9 hitter Eli White looped a single into short center field. Cortes, 27, a regular starter in the major leagues since only July, rocked back twice slightly and grinned.

"When the emotions and the adrenaline is rushing, everything feels great," he said. "But now I feel like I got hit by a truck."

Cortes, Clay Holmes and Aroldis Chapman combined on a two-hitter, Anthony Rizzo doubled in a run in the eighth and the Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 1-0 on Monday for their sixth straight series win.

Cortes is 1-1 with a 1.41 ERA, among the top five in the major leagues and a big reason New York is an AL-best 20-8. He has 42 strikeouts and 11 walks in 32 innings, holding hitters to a .177 average.

A 36th-round draft pick by the Yankees in 2013, Cortes was taken by Baltimore in the 2017 winter meeting draft, made his debut at the start of the following season and was returned to the Yankees that April. He spent the rest of the year in the minors, shuttled back and forth in 2019, then was dealt to Seattle. He was released after a 15.26 ERA in five games with the Mariners in 2020 and re-signed by the Yankees.

"The three years '18, '19 and '20 were pretty rough on me," Cortes said. "I've been play-

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NHL PLAYOFFS
PENGUINS 7,
RANGERS 2

Shesterkin chased again, Pens grab 3-1 series lead

By Will Graves

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby had a goal and three assists to become the sixth player in NHL history to reach 200 career playoff points as the Pittsburgh Penguins throttled the New York Rangers 7-2 on Monday night to take a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series.

Jake Guentzel scored for the fourth consecutive game, and Jeff Carter, Danton Heinen, Mark Friedman and Mike Matheson also beat Igor Shesterkin as the Penguins



The Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo loses the ball as he drives to the basket against the Celtics in Game 4 on Monday in Milwaukee. MORRY GASH/AP

At their best in Milwaukee

Tatum, Horford both
notch 30 points as
Boston evens series

By Adam Himmelsbach

Boston Globe

MILWAUKEE — The Celtics roared back to a resounding Game 4 win, beating the Bucks 116-108 in Milwaukee to tie up this Eastern Conference semifinal series at 2-2.

Al Horford had a night to remember, scoring 30 points — his career playoff high — to key Boston.

Jayson Tatum came up big down the stretch after a slow start. He finished with 30 points.

Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo was clearly exhausted in the second half, but finished with 34 in the loss.

Boston had 48 points in the paint tonight. They had just 44 total over Games 1 and 2 in this series.

Grant Williams started in place



The Bucks' Jrue Holiday drives past the Celtics' Al Horford the first half of Game 4 on Monday in Milwaukee. MORRY GASH/AP

of Robert Williams, who was unavailable due to left knee sore-

ness — a residual effect from his meniscus surgery in March.

Game 5 will be Wednesday at TD Garden.



Windsor's Breon Parker celebrates after scoring a run in a CCC baseball game Monday as Newington catcher Nick DiCioccio can only watch. Windsor won 5-2 to remain undefeated at 14-0. JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Windsor rallies to beat Newington in CCC battle

By Lori Riley

Hartford Courant

WINDSOR — The Windsor baseball team may be unbeaten, but the Warriors haven't exactly coasted through the season.

They know what it's like to be down in a game.

Monday, they trailed Newington by two runs after two innings, but the Warriors remained unfazed.

The only one who was slightly nervous was coach Joe Serfass,

and that was only because Mason

Glickman's pitch count was high a little earlier than he would have liked.

But everybody settled down.

The Windsor defense made plays. Glickman, a senior, got in a groove on the mound and at the plate, doubling in two runs and scoring two runs, and the Warriors rallied for a 5-2 CCC victory over Newington.

Glickman gave up one hit and struck out nine for Windsor (14-0).

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SPORTS**UP NEXT**

Celtics: NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 5), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 6, if necessary), Friday, time TBD; NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD

Bruins: NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 5), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Hurricanes (Game 6), Thursday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 7, if necessary), Saturday, time TBD

Rangers: NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 5), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 6, if necessary), Friday, time TBD; NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD

Red Sox: at Atlanta, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.; at Atlanta, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.; at Rangers, Friday, 8 p.m.

Yankees: Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.; at White Sox, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Mets: at Nationals, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Nationals, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Nationals, Thursday, 1 p.m.

Yard Goats: Portland, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Sun: Sparks, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Liberty, May 17, 7 p.m.; Fever, May 20, 7 p.m.

Hartford Athletic: N.Y. Red Bulls II, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, May 21, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO**BASEBALL**

1 p.m.: Tigers at Athletics. (Live) MLB

6 p.m.: Michigan State at Notre Dame. (Live) ACC

7 p.m.: Red Sox at Braves. (Live) NESN, TBS. Radio: 1080

7 p.m.: Blue Jays at Yankees. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9

7 p.m.: Mets at Nationals. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880

9:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.: 76ers at Heat. (Live) TNT

10 p.m.: Mavericks at Suns. (Live) TNT

HOCKEY

7 p.m.: Bruins at Hurricanes. (Live) ESPN, NESN

7:30 p.m.: Lightning at Maple Leafs. (Live) ESPN2

9:30 p.m.: Blues at Wild. (Live) ESPN

10 p.m.: Kings at Oilers. (Live) ESPN2

SOCCER

3 p.m.: Premier League

Aston Villa vs Liverpool. (Live) USA

SOFTBALL

7 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Game 1. (Live) SEC

TENNIS

6 a.m.: Rome-ATP/WTA, Early Rounds. (Live)

TENNIS

5 a.m.: Rome-ATP/WTA, Early Rounds. (Live)

TENNIS

Yankees

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ing baseball since I was 4. I feel like that's the only thing I know how to do. I came out of high school; I don't have anything to fall back on, so I was going to ride this as long I could."

Cortes focused on fastballs and cutters, improved his conditioning, boosted his average fastball velocity by 2 mph and joined the Yankees rotation at midseason.

"The game's littered with people that weren't always the high pick or the top prospect," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "He's persevered. He's experienced everything. He's had to fight for everything."

At 90.4 mph, Cortes' fastball velocity ranks just 134th among 158 pitchers who had thrown 250 or more pitches entering the week.

"It seems to jump on guys, regardless of the velocity," said Yankees teammate Gerrit Cole, fourth in the majors at 97.6 mph.

Boone cautioned: "Don't get enamored with the number. There's guys throwing



Yankees pitcher Nestor Cortes, who didn't allow a hit until one out in the eighth, pitched a big league career-high 7 1/3 innings, walked four and struck out 11, one shy of his high. **EDUARDO MUNOZ ALVAREZ/AP**

96.97 that are getting hit"

Making his 22nd big league start and sixth this season, Cortes pitched a big league career-high 7 1/3 innings, walked

four and struck out 11, one shy of his high.

New York has won 13 of its past 15 games, taking two of three in the series despite scoring just five runs.

WNBA

Storm star reaches WNBA points milestone

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

The 2022 WNBA season just started, but Breanna Stewart has already hit a significant career milestone.

The former UConn star, who led the Huskies to a national title in each of her four years with the program from 2012-16, reached 3,000 career points in the opening minutes of the Seattle Storm's 85-74 loss to the Las Vegas Aces on Sunday night. Stewart is tied with Diana Taurasi and Seimone Augustus as the second-fastest player in league history to reach that mark, doing so in 151 games. Elena Delle Donne was the fastest at 148 games.

Stewart has averaged 19.0 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.0 steals through two games, including a 97-74 win over the Minnesota Lynx in the season opener Friday night. In the loss to the Aces, Stewart tallied 21 points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Also on the Storm are former Huskies Sue Bird and Gabby Williams. The trio has started together in both games this year.

Against the Aces, Bird recorded a 3-pointer for the 30th straight game, which is the longest active streak in the WNBA, and finished with three points and seven assists. Williams had an off shooting night, going 0 of 7 from the field, but she was a strong defensive presence and recorded four rebounds and four assists.

The Storm (1-1) take on another team full of former Huskies, the Phoenix Mercury (0-2), on Wednesday at 10 p.m. ET. Kia Nurse is rehabbing an ACL injury, but Taurasi and Tina Charles are both expected to be in action.

GIANTS

Team gets worse with release of Bradberry

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

James Bradberry's \$21.8 million salary cap hit was unsustainable in this 2022 season. That is one reason the Giants released their best defensive back Monday. But they also cut him because the new regime had a lower opinion of the player than the last GM and head coach did.

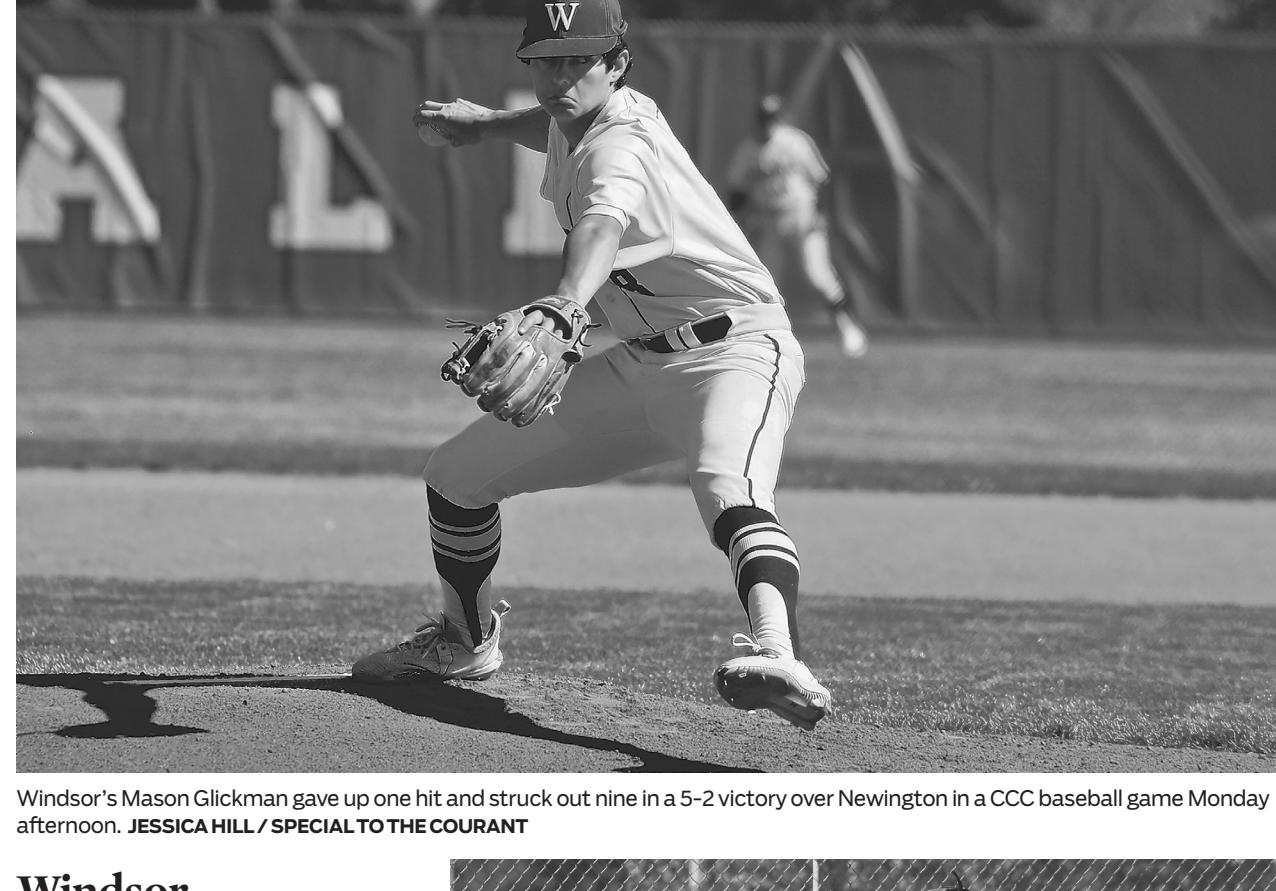
Bradberry, 29, learned early this offseason that he was no longer wanted, which is why he stayed away until the team resolved this.

The Giants did not make an effort to extend Bradberry while the relationship was salvageable. New GM Joe Schoen also could have restructured Bradberry's contract to kick some money into the future and retain him. But when he needed cap space earlier this spring, he opted to restructure corner Adoree Jackson instead.

The Giants will eat \$10.3 million in dead money this season and save \$11.5 million in cap space, if they designate Bradberry's release a post-June 1 cut, per overthecap.com.

Schoen could have saved another \$2 million by resolving Bradberry's situation by mid-March, but \$2 million of his contract became guaranteed on March 17.

Second-year corner Aaron Robinson is the most likely incumbent to challenge for a starting outside spot at the moment.



Windsor's Mason Glickman gave up one hit and struck out nine in a 5-2 victory over Newington in a CCC baseball game Monday afternoon. **JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Windsor

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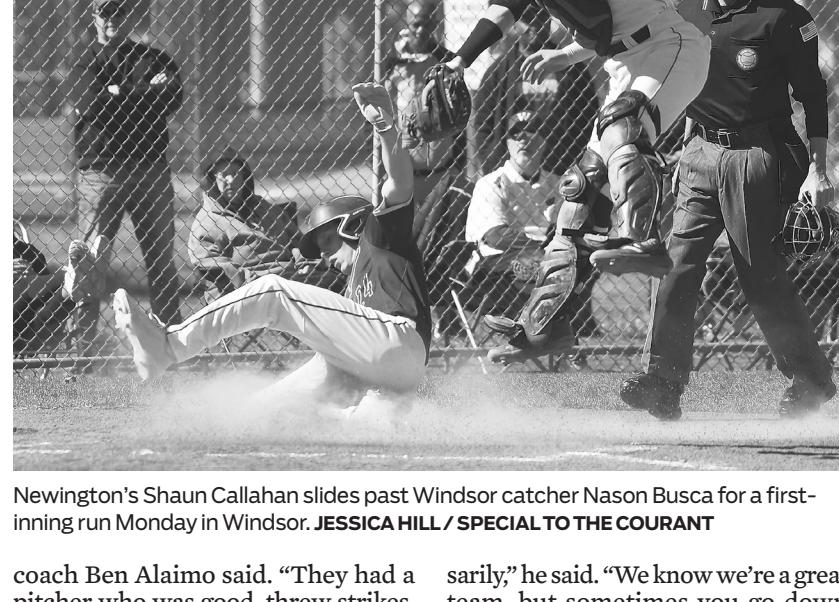
"We had a walk or two and an error that cost us a little bit [in the first two innings], but the message to our guys has been the same all year: stay the course and trust ourselves and try to make it difficult on their guy," Serfass said. "I think our guys did a good job of that, having competitive at-bats."

"We came up with some big hits. Mason Glickman had a huge hit to right field to score a couple runs. He settled in very nicely, our defense had his back and made some plays, and he made some pitches against a very, very talented and deep Newington lineup."

Glickman singled and scored on a bases-loaded walk to cut Newington's lead to 2-1 in the third inning and then doubled to right, driving in two runs in the fourth to give Windsor the lead. He scored on a single by Jonathan Lattimer in the sixth for the Warriors' final run.

He also threw approximately 50 pitches in the first two innings when Newington went up 2-0 but settled down as Windsor had five 1-2-3 innings after that. Serfass was going to take him out after Newington's Chase Prestia was up in the seventh, but Prestia grounded to Glickman, who threw him out at first for the final out.

"Windsor did a good job of playing really clean baseball," Newington



Newington's Shaun Callahan slides past Windsor catcher Nason Busca for a first-inning run Monday in Windsor. **JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

coach Ben Alaimo said. "They had a

pitcher who was good, threw strikes, did a good job keeping us off-balance with a nice mix of pitches and a really good fastball. [A] combination of that and a couple miscues by us defensively, and the outcome is a 5-2 loss."

Glickman said he was not nervous, despite the fact that his team's unbeaten streak was on the line.

"I wouldn't say it was jitters neces-

sarily," he said. "We know we're a great team, but sometimes you go down early. With the group we have, I wasn't worried at all after that second inning."

"You have to take a step back — it's baseball; things are going to happen. The best thing to do is take it pitch by pitch."

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YARD GOATS

Red Sox prospects coming to Hartford this week

By Dom Amore

Hartford Courant

New York Yankees and Mets fans have had their turn. Now it's time for Hartford-area baseball fans to get a look at the Boston Red Sox's top prospects.

The Portland Sea Dogs, the Red Sox's Double-A affiliate, will be in town for six games against the Hartford Yard Goats at Dunkin' Donuts Park beginning Tuesday.

The Yard Goats (15-12) have won seven of their last 10 games, rising to second place in the Eastern League's Northeast Division.

Top Rockies prospects Ezequiel Tovar, Michael Toligia and Willie McIver have been swinging hot bats, and the organization is sending two of its top evaluators, former manager Clint Hurdle and Hall of Fame hopeful Todd Helton, to Hartford to have a look at the Yard Goats this week.

Portland (13-14) has five of Boston's top-30 prospects on its roster.

Here's what you need to know about the rest of this Hartford homestand:

Probable starters and promotions

Tuesday, 7:05 p.m.: Hartford LHP

Nick Bush vs. Portland LHP Brandon Walter

Promotion: New Charging Yard Goats' cap giveaway to the first 2,000 fans.

Wednesday, 7:05 p.m.: Hartford RHP Noah Davis vs. Portland RHP Brayan Bello

Promotion: Deafness awareness night.

Thursday, 7:05 p.m.: Hartford RHP Karl Kauffmann vs. Portland LHP Jay Groome

Promotion: Meet Leslie David Baker (Stanley from "The Office").

Friday, 7:05 p.m.: Hartford RHP Mitch Kilkenny vs. Portland LHP Chris Murphy

Promotion: Halfway to Halloween (contests for kids).

Saturday, 6:05 p.m.: Hartford RHP Noah Gotsis vs. Portland RHP Victor Santos

Promotion: Military Appreciation Night, postgame fireworks.

Sunday, 1:05 p.m.: Bush vs. Walter

Promotion: Kids run the bases.

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Internet — newsradio1410.iheart.com (iHeartRadio app)

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Hot Yard Goats

Hartford shortstop Ezequiel Tovar is off to a great start, leading the Eastern League with a .340 batting average, 34 hits and 59 total bases. He ranks second with 20 RBIs. The 20-year-old was named Eastern League Player of the Month for April after getting named Eastern League Player of the Week last Monday. ... Catcher Willie MacIver is tied for the league lead with eight home runs, including a three-run homer Friday night that helped the Yard Goats post a 4-0 victory against Binghamton. ... First baseman Michael Toligia may be finding his stride after hitting a monster homer, clearing everything in right field Sunday.

Future Red Sox to watch

The Sea Dogs' top prospects include pitcher Brayan Bello, ranked fifth in the organization by MLB.com, Brandon Walter (No. 9), Chris Murphy (No. 11), Jay Groome (No. 12), the 12th overall pick in the 2016 draft, and infielder Christian Koss (No. 27). The Sea Dogs also have David Hamilton, who came to the Red Sox organization in the Jackie Bradley Jr. trade with Milwaukee.

Portland baseball history

Portland joined the Eastern League as a Florida Marlins affiliate in 1994. The Red Sox became the parent club in 2003, and the team won championships in 2005 and 2006. "Sluggers" is the mascot. The manager this year is Chad Epperson, who previously was Boston's roving catching instructor.

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Jacob Wallace, who starred for UConn in the 2019 NCAA Tournament, will be in Hartford this

BASEBALL**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	20	8	.714	—	—	8-2	W-1	12-4	8-4
Tampa Bay	18	11	.621	2 1/2	—	7-3	L-1	9-7	9-4
Toronto	17	13	.567	4	—	4-6	L-2	10-6	7-7
Baltimore	12	17	.414	8 1/2	4 1/2	6-4	W-2	9-7	3-10
Boston	10	19	.345	10 1/2	6 1/2	2-8	L-5	4-9	6-10
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	18	11	.621	—	—	7-3	W-3	11-4	7-7
Chicago	14	13	.519	3	1 1/2	7-3	W-6	7-6	7-7
Cleveland	14	14	.500	3 1/2	2	7-3	W-2	7-5	7-9
Kansas City	9	17	.346	7 1/2	6	3-7	L-2	6-9	3-8
Detroit	8	19	.296	9	7 1/2	2-8	L-5	5-9	3-10
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	19	11	.633	—	—	6-4	W-1	10-6	9-5
Houston	18	11	.621	1/2	—	8-2	W-7	9-4	9-7
Seattle	13	16	.448	5 1/2	3 1/2	2-8	W-1	8-5	5-11
Texas	11	16	.407	6 1/2	4 1/2	5-5	L-1	4-9	7-7
Oakland	10	18	.357	8	6	1-9	L-9	4-9	6-9

BOX SCORES**N.Y. YANKEES 1, TEXAS 0**

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	Avg
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.178
Garcia dh	4	0	0	0	3	.206
Seager ss	3	0	0	0	1	.231
Heim c	3	0	1	0	0	.341
1-Miller pr	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Solak lf	3	0	0	0	0	.200
Ibanez 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.225
Calhoun rf	3	0	0	0	1	.167
Culberson 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.233
White cf	2	0	1	0	1	.304
TOTALS	28	0	2	0	11	
NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	Avg
LeMahieu 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.283
Judge cf-rf	3	1	0	1	0	.284
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	1	2	.238
Stanton rf	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Hicks cf	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Donaldson dh	3	0	1	0	1	.220
Torres 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.220
Gallo lf	2	0	1	0	1	.183
Kiner-Falefa ss	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Trevino c	3	0	1	0	1	.189
TOTALS	27	1	5	1	9	

Texas	000 000 000	—	0	2	0
NY Yankees	000 000 01x	—	1	5	0

1-run for Heim in the 9th.

LOB: Texas 5, New York 6.

2B: Rizzo (5). RBIs: Rizzo (22).

SB: Miller (3).

Runners left in scoring position: Texas 3(Calhoun 2, Solak); New York 3(Rizzo 2, Stanton).

RISP: Texas 0for 4; New York 0for 4.

Runners moved up: Ibanez, Rizzo.

GIDP: Semien, Rizzo. DP: Texas 1 (Ibanez, Seager); New York 1 (LeMahieu, Torres, Rizzo).

T: 2:41. A: 34,866(47,309).

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami 2, #4 Philadelphia 2
May 2: Miami 106-92
May 4: Miami 119-103
May 6: Philadelphia 99-79
May 8: Philadelphia 116-108.
Tuesday: at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday: at Miami, TBD

#3 Milwaukee 2, #2 Boston 1
May 1: Milwaukee 101-89
May 3: Boston 109-86
May 7: Milwaukee 103-101
Monday: at Milwaukee, late
Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
x-Friday: at Milwaukee, TBD
x-Sunday: at Boston, 3:30 p.m.

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

#1 Phoenix 2, #4 Dallas 2
May 2: Phoenix 121-114
May 4: at Phoenix 129-109
May 6: Dallas 103-94
May 8: Dallas 111-101.
Tuesday: at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Thursday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
xSunday: at Phoenix, TBD

#3 Golden State 2, #2 Memphis 1
May 1: Golden State 117-116
May 3: Memphis 106-101
May 7: Golden State 142-112
Monday: at Golden State, late
Wednesday: at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday: at Golden State, TBD
x-May 16: at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

VOTING

	1	2	3	PTS
Monty Williams, Phx	81	17	2	458
Taylor Jenkins, Mem	17	55	20	270
Erik Spoelstra, Mia	1	16	19	72
Ike Udoaka, Bos	1	5	26	46
J.B. Bickerstaff, Cle	0	4	16	28
Tyronn Lue, Lac	0	1	6	9
Jason Kidd, Dal	0	1	6	9
Nick Nurse, Tor	0	1	1	4
Chris Finch, Min	0	0	4	4

Voting tabulated by league sportswriters on 5-3-1 point total. Coach of the Year Award trophy is named in honor of Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer Red Auerbach.

RECENT COACHES OF THE YEAR

2021: Tom Thibodeau, New York
2020: Nick Nurse, Toronto
2019: Mike Budenholzer, Milwaukee
2018: Dwane Casey, Toronto
2017: Mike D'Antoni, Houston
2016: Steve Kerr, Golden State
2015: Mike Budenholzer, Atlanta
2014: Gregg Popovich, San Antonio
2013: George Karl, Denver
2012: Gregg Popovich, San Antonio
2010-11: Tom Thibodeau, Chicago
2010: Scott Brooks, Oklahoma City
2009: Mike Brown, Cleveland
2008: Byron Scott, New Orleans
2007: Sam Mitchell, Toronto
2006: Avery Johnson, Dallas
2005: Mike D'Antoni, Phoenix
2004: Hubie Brown, Memphis
2003: Gregg Popovich, San Antonio
2002: Rick Carlisle, Detroit
2001: Larry Brown, Philadelphia
2000: Doc Rivers, Orlando
1999: Mike Dunleavy, Portland
1997-98: Larry Bird, Indiana
1997: Pat Riley, Miami
1996: Phil Jackson, Chicago
1995: Del Harris, L.A. Lakers
1994: Lenny Wilkens, Atlanta

WNBA

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	2	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	½
New York	1	0	1.000	½
Chicago	0	1	.000	1 ½
Connecticut	0	1	.000	1 ½
Indiana	0	2	.000	2
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	2	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	1	.500	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1 ½
Dallas	0	1	.000	1 ½
Minnesota	0	2	.000	2

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Los Angeles 87, Indiana 77
Washington 78, Minnesota 66
Las Vegas 85, Seattle 74

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	3	1	0	.750	79	63
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	89	95
Michigan	1	3	0	.250	67	53
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	39	92
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	4	0	0	1.000	99	75
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	93	58
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	57	79
Houston	1	3	0	.250	87	95

WEEK 4

SUNDAY'S RESULT

New Orleans 23, Houston 16

WEEK 5

FRIDAY'S GAME

Michigan at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

New Orleans at New Jersey, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Birmingham at Philadelphia, Noon
Pittsburgh at Houston, 4 p.m.

ODDS

TUESDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE

LA Dodgers -230 at Pittsburgh +190
at Cincinnati off Milwaukee off
at Washington off NY Mets off
Miami -134 at Arizona +114
at San Diego off Chi. Cubs off
at San Fran. -187 Colorado +163

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit (G1) -112 at Oakland -104
Detroit (G2) -112 at Oakland -104
at NY Yankees off Toronto off
at Minnesota off Houston off
at Texas off Kansas City off
at Chi Whi. Sox off Cleveland off
at LA Angels off Tampa Bay off

INTERLEAGUE

at Atlanta off Boston off
at St. Louis off Baltimore off
at Seattle off Philadelphia off

NBA PLAYOFFS

TUESDAY

FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE

at Carolina -142 Boston +118
at Toronto -130 Tampa Bay +108
at Minnesota -130 St. Louis +116
at Edmonton -215 Los Angeles +176

For the latest odds, go to

FanDuel's Sportsbook,

<https://sportsbooks.fanduel.com/>

HORSE RACING

ODDS TO WIN PREAKNESS STAKES

Epicenter 5-2, Creative Minister 4-1
Secret Oath 4-1, Zandon 4-1
Early Voting 6-1, Simplification 6-1
Morello 7-1, Rich Strike 7-1
Torbata 7-1, Smile Happy 12-1
In Due Time 25-1, Un Ojo 25-1
Skypylongstocking 25-1

Ethereal Road 33-1, Fenwick 33-1
Happy Jack 33-1, Ratte N Roll 33-1
Shake Em Loose 33-1, Blackadder 33-1
Stakes: May 21. source: bovada.lv

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina 2, Boston 2

May 2: Carolina 5-1

May 4: Carolina 5-2

May 6: Boston 4-2

May 8: Boston, 5-2.

Tuesday: at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Thursday: at Boston, 7 p.m.

x-Saturday: at Carolina, TBD

Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 1

May 3: Pittsburgh 4-3 (3OT)

May 5: N.Y. Rangers 5-2

May 7: Pittsburgh 7-4

Monday: Pittsburgh 7-2.

Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

x-Friday: at Pittsburgh, TBD

x-Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 2

May 2: Toronto 5-0

May 4: Tampa Bay 5-3

May 6: Toronto 5-2

May 8: Tampa Bay 7-3

Tuesday: at Toronto, 7:30

Thursday: at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

x-Saturday: at Tampa Bay, TBD

Washington 2, Florida 1

May 3: Washington 4-2

May 7: Washington 6-1

Monday: at Washington, late

Wednesday: at Florida, 7 p.m.

x-Friday: at Washington, TBD

x-Sunday: at Florida, TBD

Colorado 3, Nashville 0

May 3: Colorado 7-2

May 5: Colorado 2-1 (OT)

May 7: Colorado 7-3

Monday: at Nashville, late

x-Wednesday: at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

x-Friday: at Nashville, TBD

x-Sunday: at Colorado, TBD

Edmonton 2, Los Angeles 2

May 2: Los Angeles 4-3

May 4: Edmonton 6-0

May 6: Edmonton 8-2

Sunday: Los Angeles 4-0.

Tuesday



Simsbury native Gavin Griffiths, a 6-foot-7 forward, has offers from UConn, Maryland, Syracuse and Iowa. COURTESY

UConn

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small, we get to see so little of these guys in person. We have to do a lot of these things on Synergy. It's like a think tank when we look at kids."

Moore said Hurley excels at identifying guard and wing talent.

"He's got a great eye for picking up things that guys do that he likes," Moore said. "Super, subtle things. How to pass a ball and how did they catch a ball. Which hand do they beat pressure and which hand do they beat a trap with. Finishing shots at the rim, left foot, right foot, left hand, right hand, Hurley picks up things that are really uncanny."

Paul Biancardi is ESPN's national recruiting director but previously coached at various places, including Boston College as an assistant coach when Hurley played at Seton Hall.

Biancardi said Hurley looks for a specific trait in his commits.

"I think for Danny, you have to be serious about the game," Biancardi said, "guys that are serious about the game and guys that can take hard coaching with love."

"The staff does a magnificent job of not just evaluating the talent, but understanding you have to peel back some layers to find out who the person is, not just the player."

The most challenging aspect for any coaching staff is finding the indicators that the player will be successful at the next level. However, Biancardi believes certain characteristics tend to lead to success in college basketball.

"The traits and characteristics, they protect the talent you have," he said. "There has to be a level of self-start, self-motivation, self-discipline, work habits. Those are the things that put you over the hump if the talent is there."

Here's a closer look at the class 2023 and 2024 players UConn has made offers to:

Class of 2023 offers

Name: Jayden Lemond

Class ranking: Not in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Point guard

Size: 6 feet 3, 170 pounds

High school: Blair's Academy in Blairstown, New Jersey.

Hometown: Englewood, New Jersey.

Summary: According to 247sports, Lemond has 13 offers, but UConn

has recruited him since 2020. He's a quick and shifty guard who can beat defenders off the dribble to get to the rim. In addition, Lemond can finish through traffic and makes the right decision with the ball. He praised UConn to Jacob Polacheck of Zagsblog.com: "I really like the guard play. They have good guards and a lot of New Jersey talent. That's really good."

Name: Taison Chatman

Class ranking: No. 63 in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Shooting guard

Size: 6-4, 170 pounds

High school: Totino-Grace in Minneapolis

Hometown: Minneapolis

Summary: Chatman received an offer from UConn in late April. "Excellent prospect," Biancardi said. "He's a great shooter and plays on-balance. He has a high IQ. He's a mature scoring guard."

Chatman would fit in well in Hurley's new four-out, one-in motion offense as his shooting ability opens up the floor.

Name: Darius Carr

Class ranking: Not in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Combo guard

Size: 6-3, 190 pounds

High school: Cathedral in Los Angeles

Hometown: Playa Del Rey, California

Summary: UConn sent an offer to Carr on April 16, the ninth school to send

him an offer to that point. He's got elite athleticism. "I like Carr," Biancardi said. "He's a quick-twitch athlete. He gets into the paint with the drive game. Excellent finisher. His ability to defend on the ball could be a strength of his down the road. He's best as a mid-range shooter. He thrives in transition as a finisher."

Name: Taylor Bowen

Class ranking: No. 50 in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Small forward

Size: 6-9, 195 pounds

High school: Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Hometown: Newport, Rhode Island.

Summary: Bowen has been a popular prospect with 25 offers, but his first unofficial visit was to UConn in August 2021. "He's a gifted player," Biancardi said. "When you get to the level of talent and you make the game look easy, you don't have to put them one spot on the court. I think he brings that versatility to a roster. He's a smooth player. He has a good combination of fluidity and athleticism that's hard to find at a young age."

Name: Gavin Griffiths

Class ranking: No. 26 in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Small forward

Size: 6-7, 185 pounds

High school: Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford

Hometown: West Hartford

Summary: Griffiths is a hometown kid and was offered by the Huskies in October 2021. He's an elite shooter that can shoot from anywhere on the floor. He has an impressive leaping ability as well. Griffiths praised the Huskies' staff.

"That relationship has been good," he said to 247sports' Dushawn London. "It's 40 minutes down the street from me so that's the hometown school. I have a good relationship with Coach Hurley and Coach Murray, who are the guys recruiting me."

Name: Andrej Stojakovic

Class ranking: Not in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Small forward

Size: 6-6, 185 pounds

High school: Jesuit

Hometown: Carmichael, California

Summary: Son of former NBA player Peja Stojakovic, Andrej has been tied to UConn from a young age as he used to watch former UConn star Rudy Gay play on the Kings. On April 15, he got an offer from UConn. Like his father, he's an impressive shooter. "Excellent shooter," Biancardi said. "An IQ to play off the ball. He's one of the better shooters in the class. He understands spacing. He understands how to come off a screen and get open without the ball. When he catches it, he shoots it with great offensive confidence."

Name: Scotty Middleton

Class ranking: No. 19 in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Small forward

Size: 6-6, 180 pounds

High school: Sunrise Christian in Wichita, Kansas

Hometown: Miami

Summary: UConn was named on Middleton's final five schools list he released in April. He can do a little bit of everything on the court. "Middleton is the real deal," Biancardi said. "He's got incredible versatility. He can post up. He can drive and can get out on the break. He gets to the free-throw line and rebounds. He's a committed defender. He has excellent athleticism in terms of later quickness and speed. He is one of the most versatile players in the class."

Name: Isaiah Miranda

Class ranking: No. 39 in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Center

Size: 7-0, 200 pounds

High school: Commonwealth Academy in Springfield

Hometown: Playa Del Rey, California

Summary: UConn sent an offer to Carr on April 16, the ninth school to send

Hometown: Malvern, Pennsylvania

Summary: Miranda has 19 offers and received an offer from UConn in June 2021. He's an impressive shooter with the ability to handle the ball. On the defensive end, he deters players from driving to the rim. Miranda likes Hurley's style. "When I visited there, I saw they practice and play very hard, he said to Jamie Shaw of On3.com. "Coach Hurley doesn't let up at all on their guys; he takes everything very seriously. The biggest driver for their team is their bigs. The bigs put out the most energy of anyone on the court, and I like that."

Name: JP Estrella

Class ranking: Not in 2023 ESPN Top-100

Position: Center

Size: 6-11, 210 pounds

High school: Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire

Hometown: South Portland, Maine

Summary: UConn sent an offer to Estrella on May 5. He's a quintessential back-to-the-basket center. "The big fellow is really tall, long and just coming into his own," Biancardi said. "He's still thin but really skilled and skilled with his back to the basket. He's got footwork. He's got feel. He's got touch. He can play facing up as well to about 15 feet comfortably and effectively. He can block some shots. He rebounds the ball more with length than strength. I think he's just starting to scratch the surface with how good he will be."

Name: Tahaad Pettiford

Class ranking: No. 30 in 2024 ESPN Top-100

Position: Point guard

Size: 5-11, 160 pounds

High school: White Plains, New York

Summary: Fland is one of the highest-rated recruits in the class 2024 that UConn has sent an offer. The Huskies offered him in November 2021. "Fland shows the ability to not only score in bunches, but to get others involved and make the right play," Biancardi said. "He gets to his spot to create and does a nice job rebounding down to start the fast break."

Name: Tahaad Pettiford

Class ranking: No. 30 in 2024 ESPN Top-100

Position: Point guard

Size: 5-11, 160 pounds

High school: Hudson Catholic in Jersey City, New Jersey

Hometown: Jersey City

Summary: Pettiford got offered by UConn in December 2021. He creates instant offense and can shoot off the dribble. The guard praised the Huskies to 247sports' Dushawn London: "That visit was really good. I got to meet the players, watch and learn RJ Cole's game and just see if I were to go there how I would play."

Name: Ian Jackson

Class ranking: No. 3 in 2024 ESPN Top-100

Position: Shooting guard

Size: 6-4, 170 pounds

High school: Cardinal Hayes in New York

Hometown: New York

Summary: Jackson is the highest-rated recruit UConn has sent an offer to. He does everything on the court, but is a devastating scorer. "Jackson could be special," Biancardi. "He combines athleticism with scoring skill. He has instincts of when to score and not to score. He's not a selfish scorer. He plays within the flow of his team. He can beat you in a lot of ways: the 3, the mid-range, the drive, the finish. He's got elite athleticism. Not only is he a tremendous scoring guard, but he handles it pretty well. He's a competitive kid and plays hard."

Name: Shreyas Laddha

Class ranking: Slated to be reached at sladdha@courant.com or @shre98 on Twitter.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Harden's return to form key for 76ers

Associated Press

James Harden took a sensational step forward in the postseason for the 76ers with step-back 3s that rekindled his dominant form. Joel Embiid is playing better by the game, and the MVP finalist might have his best basketball ahead.

Embiid is ready. So is Harden. And if the Heat can't figure out The Mask and The Beard, the next thing they face could be the offseason.

"I don't think we've played our best basketball," Embiid said.

Harden scored 31 points, Embiid had 24 points and 11 rebounds and the fourth-seeded 76ers beat the top-seeded Heat 116-108 on Sunday night in Game 4 to even the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

The Heat won the first two games in Miami with Embiid out with a right orbital fracture and mild concussion. The 76ers won Games 3 and 4 at home with Embiid and his mask in the lineup.

Game 5 is Tuesday in Miami.

The Heat pecked away at the lead and got within five until Harden sank his fifth 3-pointer with three minutes left. Harden crushed the Heat on catch-and-shoot 3s and hit one clutch shot after another for 16 points in the fourth. He at last played in the postseason like the three-time scoring champ the 76ers needed when they traded for him in February.

"Nothing really changed. I just made shots," he said.

Harden drilled a step-back 3 for a 114-103 lead that sent the crowd into a frenzy — and the 76ers off to Miami with new life. He had six 3s, nine assists and seven rebounds.

"It's just James being James," Rivers said. "I felt like he was going to have a big game tonight. You can just sense it."

Embiid worked out the Game 3 cobwebs and returned to the dominant form that earned him season-long "MVP!" chants from the Philly diehards.

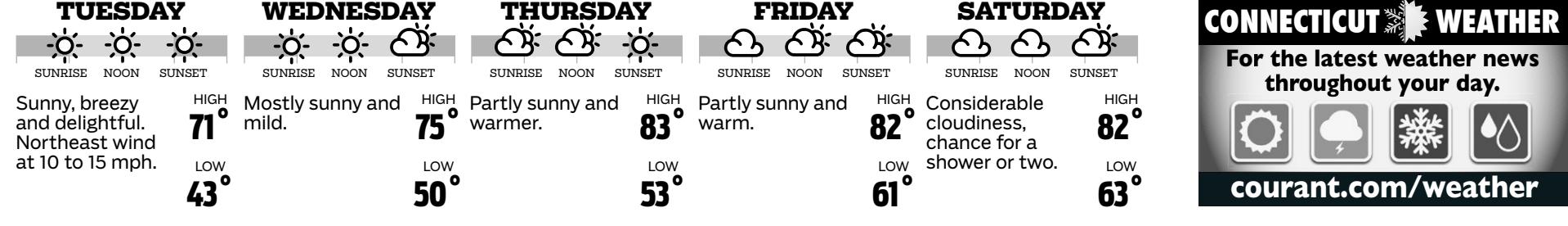
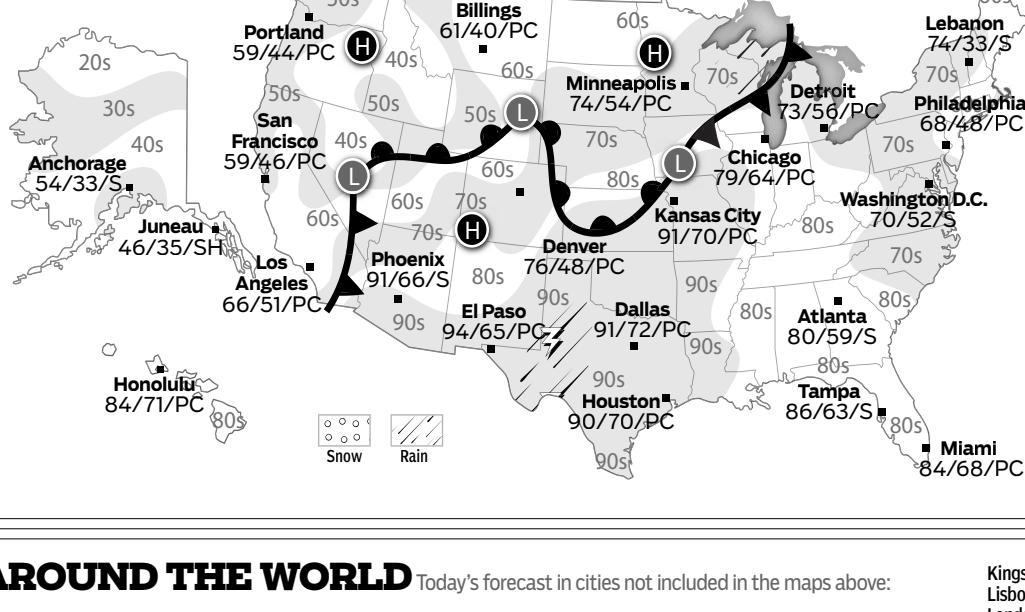
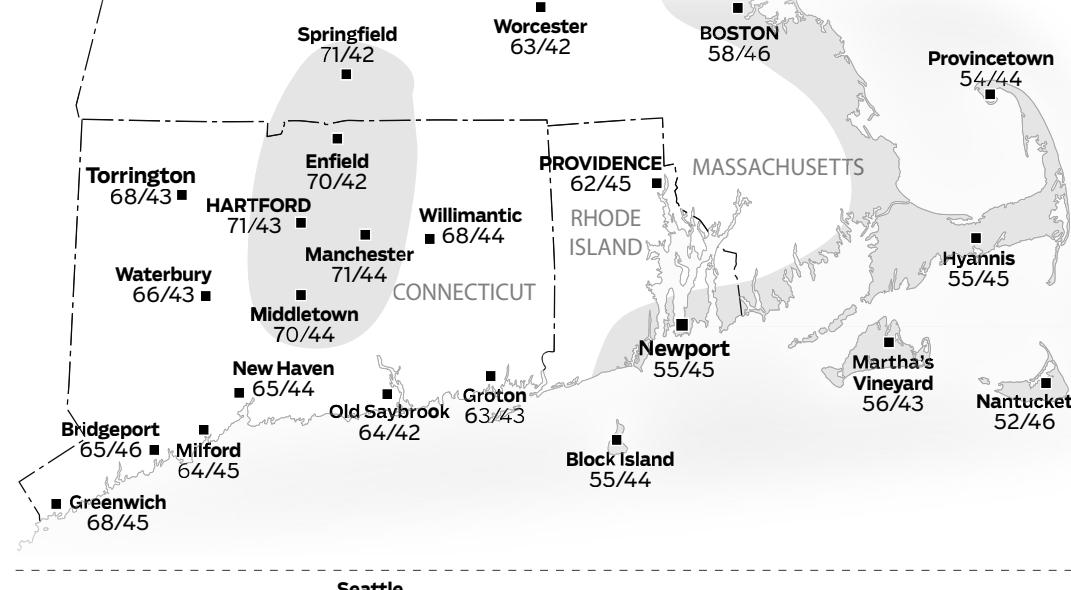
James Harden scored 31 points, including six 3s, in the 76ers' victory Sunday. MATT SLOCUM/AP

James Harden scored 31 points, including six 3s, in the 76ers' victory Sunday. MATT SLOCUM/AP

Need for special section? Suns coach Monty Williams said the NBA should consider having a special section in the stands reserved for the families of visiting teams in the wake of Chris Paul's family being harassed during Sunday's playoff game in Dallas.

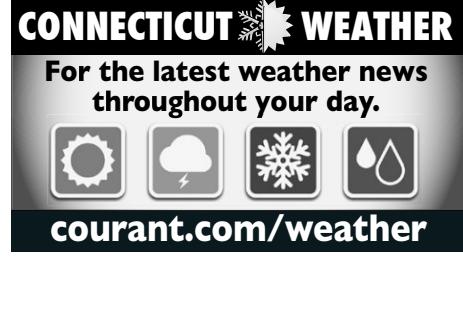
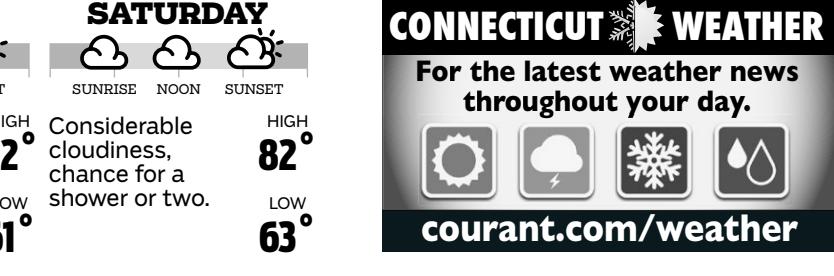
The incident happened during Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals between the Mavericks and Suns.

ESPN reported that members of Paul's family had been harassed by fans and that some in the crowd made physical contact with them. The Mavericks said the fan was ejected.

WEATHER**YOURCAST****AROUND THE WORLD**

NEW ENGLAND		NATION		WORLD	
Bangor	70 36 S	Baltimore	66 46 S	Nashville	82 63 PC
Burlington	75 44 S	Bismarck	69 41 PC	New Orleans	86 70 PC
Caribou	69 41 S	Boise	55 34 PC	New York	69 48 S
Concord	69 31 S	Buffalo	72 50 S	Okla. City	90 68 PC
Montpelier	70 38 S	Charleston	77 55 S	Omaha	77 62 PC
Mt. Wash.	43 33 S	Cincinnati	81 61 PC	Amsterdam	72 52 SH
Portland	63 36 S	Cleveland	77 51 S	Orlando	83 61 PC
Woods Hole	56 40 S	Indianapolis	80 66 PC	Pittsburgh	75 48 S
		Jacksonville	78 55 S	Raleigh	71 49 PC
		Las Vegas	75 52 PC	St. Louis	90 72 PC
		Miami Beach	80 71 S	Beijing	68 54 SH
		Milwaukee	76 61 S	Beirut	75 50 PC
		San Antonio	92 71 PC	Hong Kong	82 77 SH
		San Diego	67 55 PC	Jerusalem	75 57 S
		Bermuda	77 70 PC	Johannesburg	68 50 S

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

**OUTLOOK**

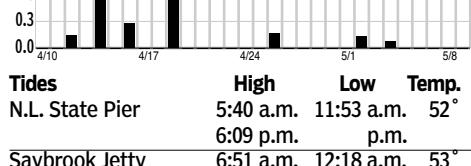
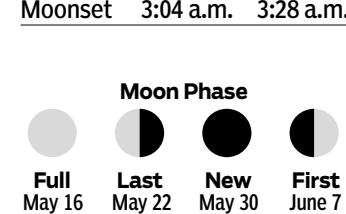
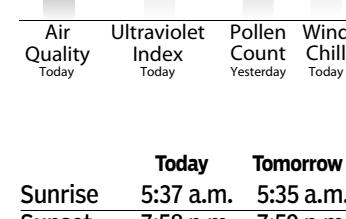
High pressure will bring sunshine on Tuesday with high temperatures in the 60s and lower 70s. The winds will remain from northeast, but decrease to between 10 to 15 mph. Peak gusts will be around 30 mph. Temperatures will be climbing into the low and mid-70s on Wednesday with a mostly sunny sky. A touch of summer is in the forecast Thursday through Saturday with highs in the 70s and low to mid-80s. There will be a fair amount of sunshine Thursday and Friday, then Saturday should have more in the way of clouds and there could also be a shower or two around.

-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	0.20 1.09
Total this year	14.90 15.19

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches**Air Quality Forecast For Today****River Stage at Hartford**

4.74 feet at 6:00 p.m.

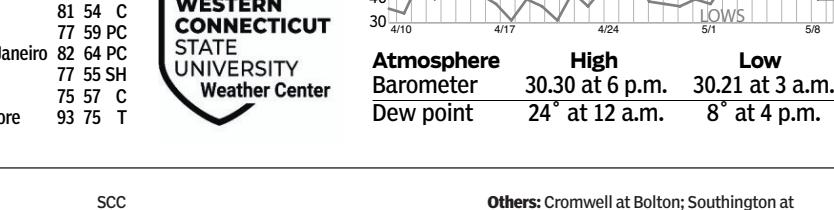
Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	Sunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	NE, 15-20	NE, 15-20	NE, 15-25

Seas	2-3 ft.	3-5 ft.	4-7 ft.

Moon Phase	Today	Tomorrow
Full May 16	Last May 22	New May 30

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	70 at 2:44 p.m.	40 at 4:29 a.m.
Normal for date	70	46
Record for date	97 in 1979	28 in 1956
A year ago	65	43
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days For July 1 - May 9	Season	Normal	Last Season
5279	5734	5308	

30-day Temperature History**Atmosphere**

Barometer 30.30 at 6 p.m. 30.21 at 3 a.m.

Dew point 24° at 12 a.m. 8° at 4 p.m.

Others: Cromwell at Bolton; Southington at Masuk, 5 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-Central: Avon at Simsbury, 7 p.m.

CCC-Inter: RHAM at Middletown; Northwest Catholic at Lewis Mills, 4 p.m.

NCCC: Granby at Rockville co-op, 4 p.m.; Suffield/Windsor Locks at Canton, 5:30 p.m.

Shoreline: North Branford at Old Lyme; Haddam-Killingworth at Old Saybrook; Valley Regional at Morgan, 6:30 p.m.

SCC: Xavier at Notre Dame-West Haven, 6 p.m.; Amity at Hand, 6 p.m.

ECC: St. Bernard/Wheeler at Bacon Academy, 4:30 p.m.

Others: Ellington at South Windsor, 4 p.m.; Vinal Tech/Goodwin Tech at Cromwell, 4 p.m.; Berlin at Foran, 4:30 p.m.; Somers at Conard, 6 p.m.; Glastonbury at Staples, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North: Glastonbury at Conard, 4 p.m.; Hall at Simsbury, 5 p.m.; South Windsor at Avon, 6 p.m.

CCC-Central: East Catholic at Newton; RHAM at Northwest Catholic, 4 p.m.; Tolland at Rocky Hill, 5:30 p.m.

CCC-South: Middletown